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SEE FOR YOURSELF! YOUR HUSBAND IS HALE AND HEARTY!
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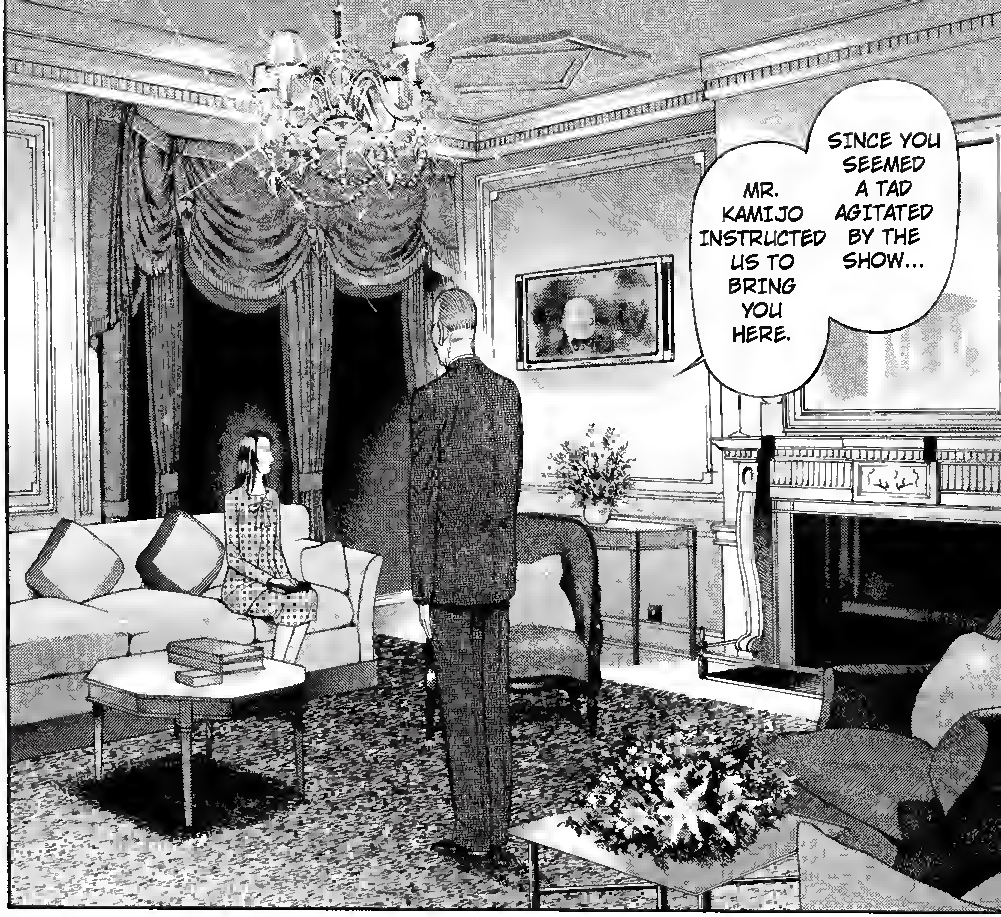
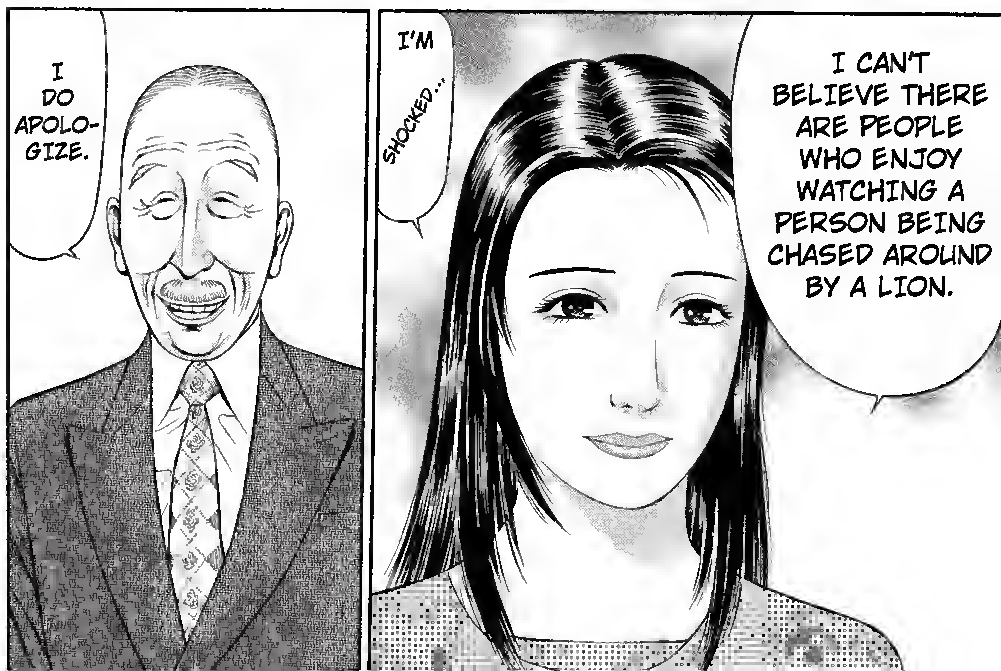
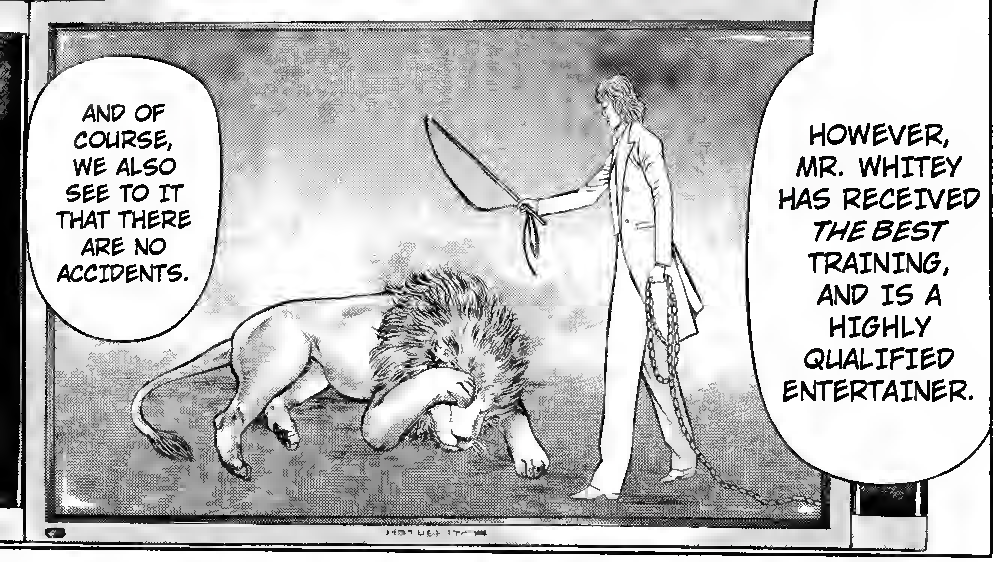
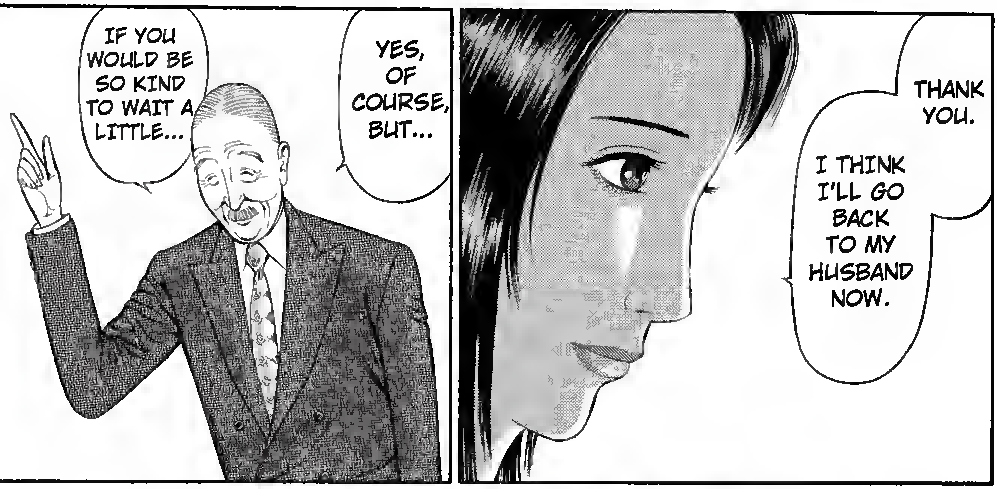
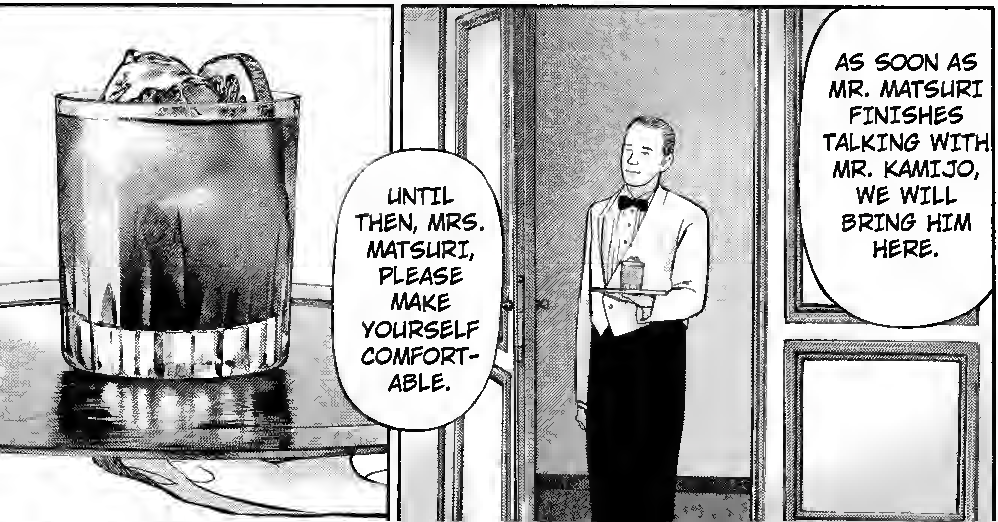

SINCE YOU SEEMED A TAD AGITATED BY THE SHOW...
MR. KAMIJO INSTRUCTED US TO BRING YOU HERE.

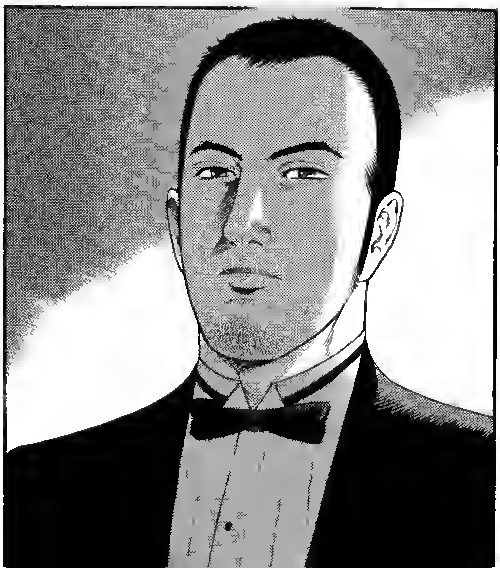

I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ENJOY WATCHING A PERSON BEING CHASED AROUND BY A LION.
I'M SHOCKED...
I DO APOLO-GIZE.


AND OF COURSE, WE ALSO SEE TO IT THAT THERE ARE NO ACCIDENTS.
HOWEVER, MR. WHITEY HAS RECEIVED *THE BEST* TRAINING, AND IS A HIGHLY QUALIFIED ENTERTAINER.

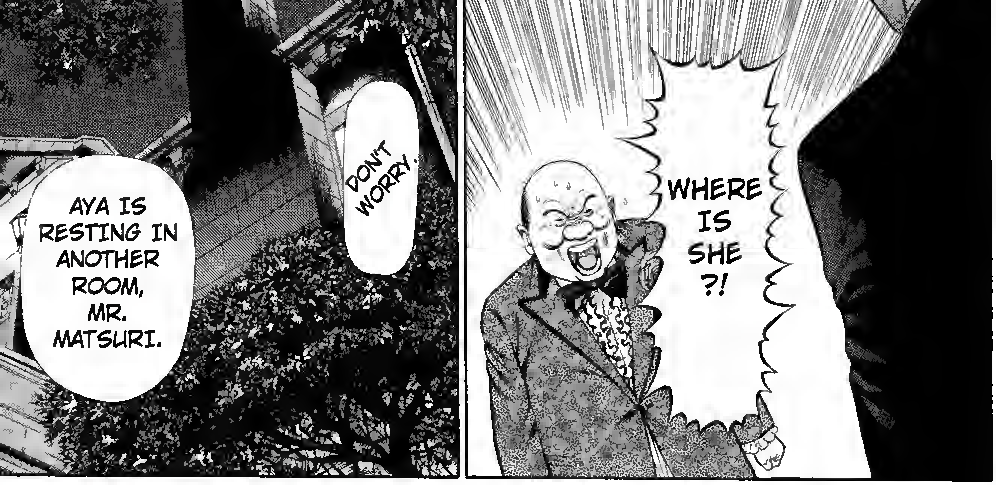

IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND TO WAIT A LITTLE...
YES, OF COURSE, BUT...
THANK YOU.
I THINK I'LL GO BACK TO MY HUSBAND NOW.

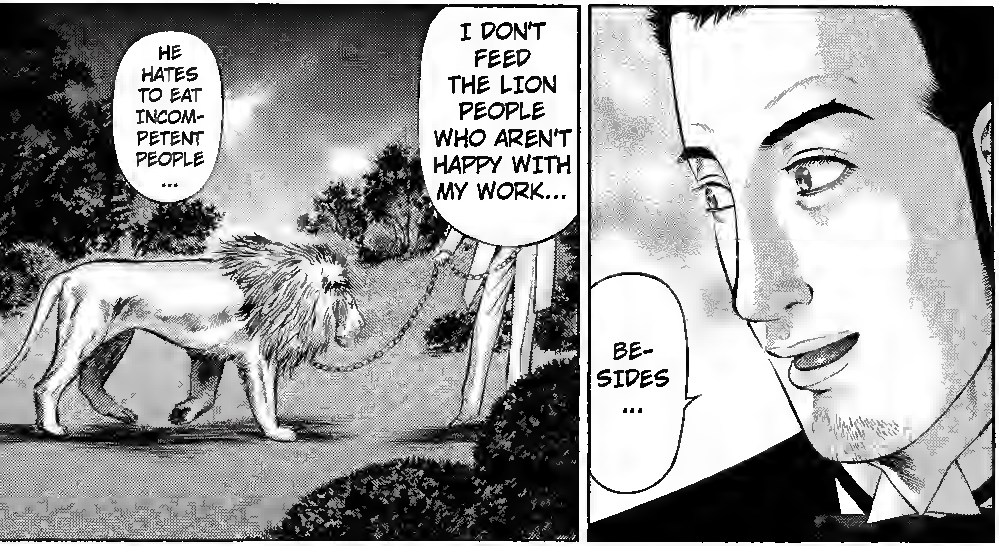

UNTIL THEN, MRS. MATSURI, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF COMFORT-ABLE.
AS SOON AS MR. MATSURI FINISHES TALKING WITH MR. KAMIJO, WE WILL BRING HIM HERE.

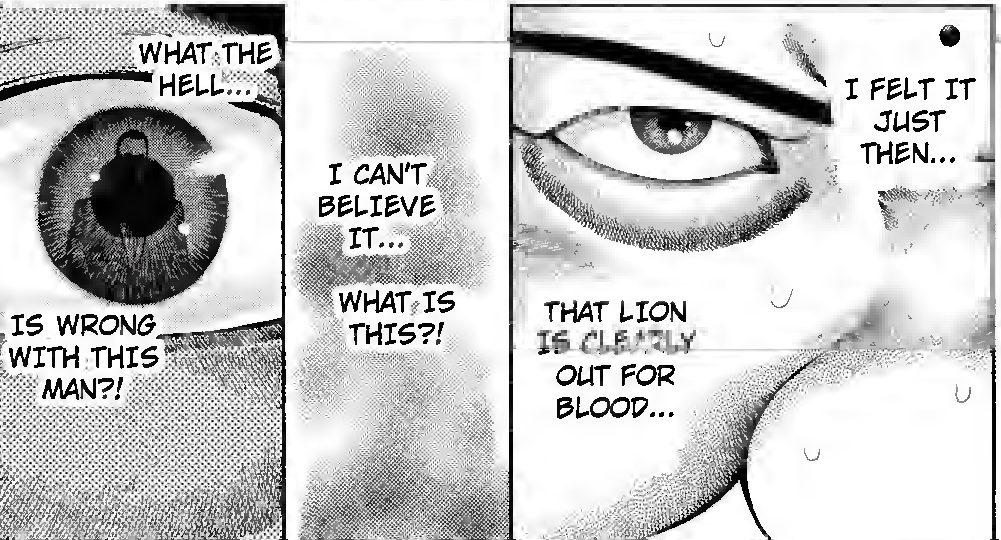
THE BOTH OF YOU OUT-RIGHT DENIED ME.



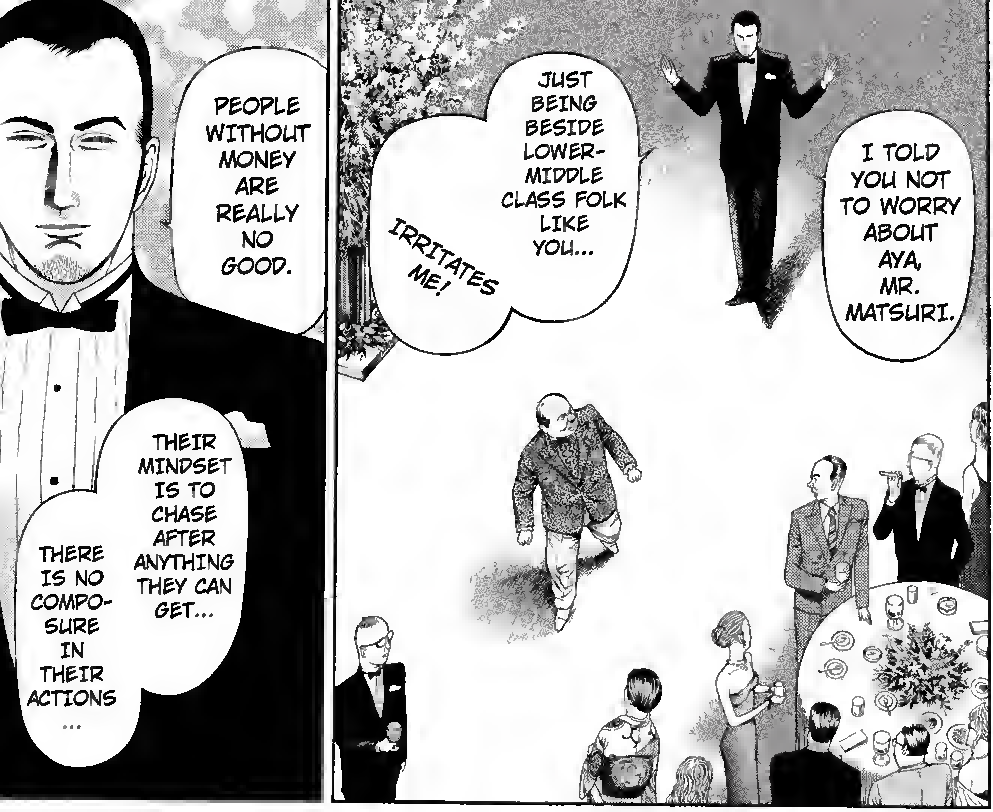
WHERE'S MY WIFE? WHERE'S AYA?
MY WIFE ...


AYA IS RESTING IN ANOTHER ROOM, MR. MATSURI.
DON'T WORRY.
WHERE IS SHE ?!

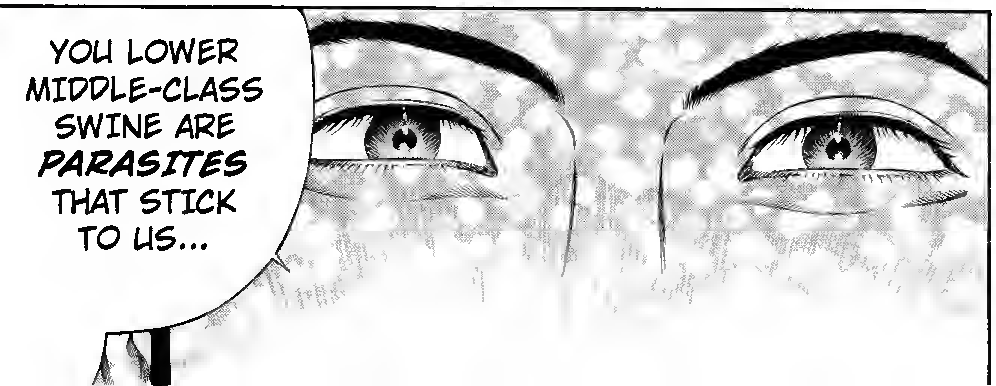

HE HATES TO EAT INCOM-PETENT PEOPLE ...
I DON'T FEED THE LION PEOPLE WHO AREN'T HAPPY WITH MY WORK...
BE-SIDES ...


WHAT THE HELL...
IS WRONG WITH THIS MAN?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
WHAT IS THIS?!
I FELT IT JUST THEN...
THAT LION IS CLEARLY OUT FOR BLOOD...

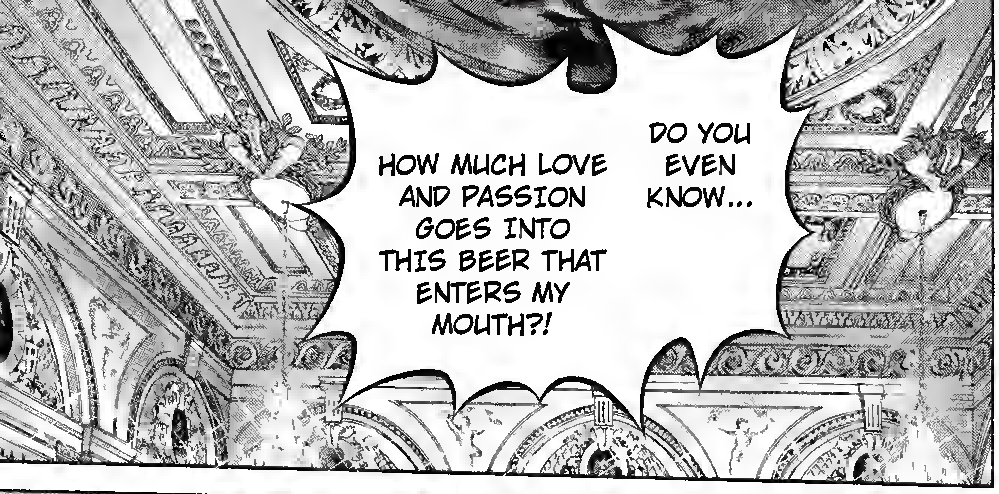
STOMP
LET'S GO HOME NOW!
WHERE IS SHE?! AYA!!!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
STOMP
AYA !!!
STOMP

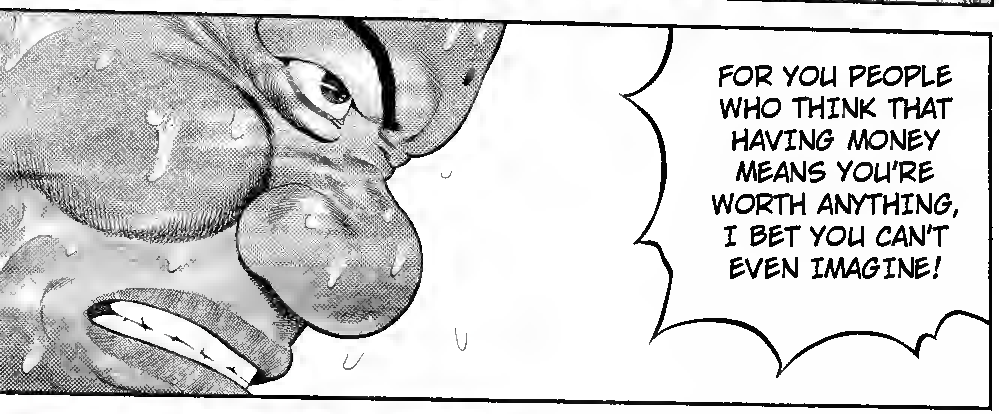

I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY ABOUT AYA, MR. MATSURI.
JUST BEING BESIDE LOWER-MIDDLE CLASS FOLK LIKE YOU...
IRRITATES ME!
PEOPLE WITHOUT MONEY ARE REALLY NO GOOD.
THEIR MINDSET IS TO CHASE AFTER ANYTHING THEY CAN GET...
THERE IS NO COMPO-SURE IN THEIR ACTIONS ...

SO WHENEVER THEY'RE AMONG PEOPLE OF HIGHER STANDING, THEY FEAR THAT THEY'RE BEING TOYED WITH...
SO, WITH THEIR SLY, DISHONEST EYES, THEY WATCH OTHERS AND RUB THEIR HANDS, HOPING THEY DON'T GET TREATED AS LEFTOVERS.

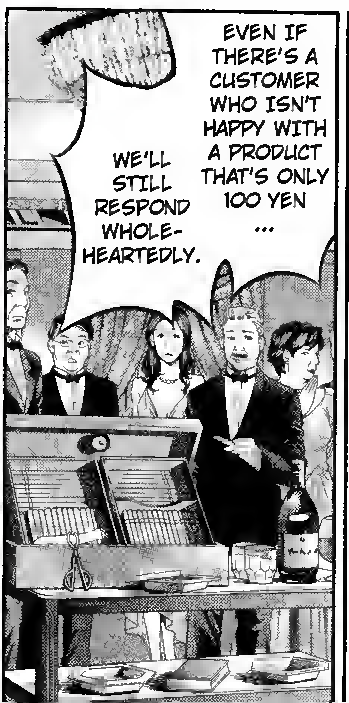

YOU LOWER MIDDLE-CLASS SWINE ARE *PARASITES* THAT STICK TO US...

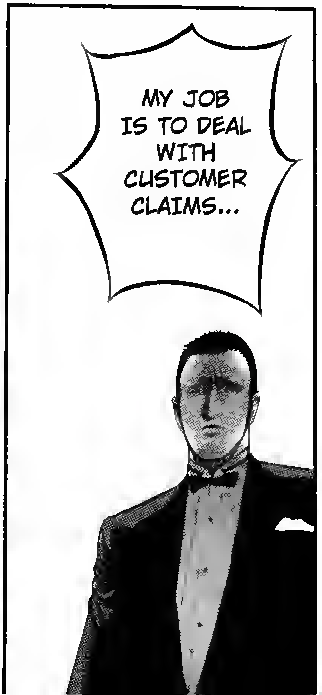
HERE! YOU LOVE FREE STUFF, RIGHT?!
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLASH
PARASITE...
HAVE AS MUCH LOW-MALT BEER AS YOU CAN, THEN GO HOME!
APOLOGIZE...
TO THE BEER...
THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THE WORLD ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THIS SIDE...
SPLISH
WE JUST SIMPLY WAVE OUR MONEY LIKE A MAGIC WAND!
UNLIKE YOU, WE CAN EASILY GET ANYTHING WE WANT WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT.
FIZZLE
FIZZLE
FIZZLE
FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN COMPANIES LIKE MGA ARE SIMPLY TO BE ENJOYED, LIKE A GAME!
MONEY BRINGS FORTH MORE MONEY, YOU SEE?

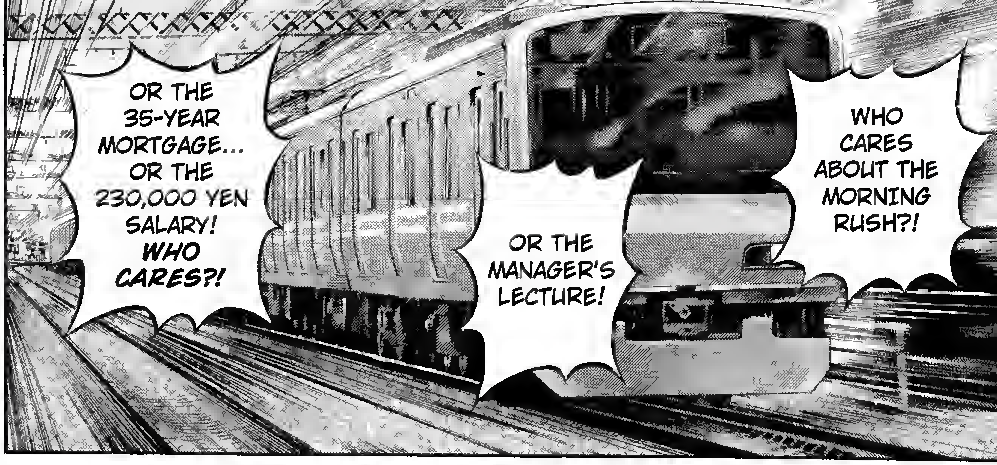

DO YOU EVEN KNOW...
HOW MUCH LOVE AND PASSION GOES INTO THIS BEER THAT ENTERS MY MOUTH?!

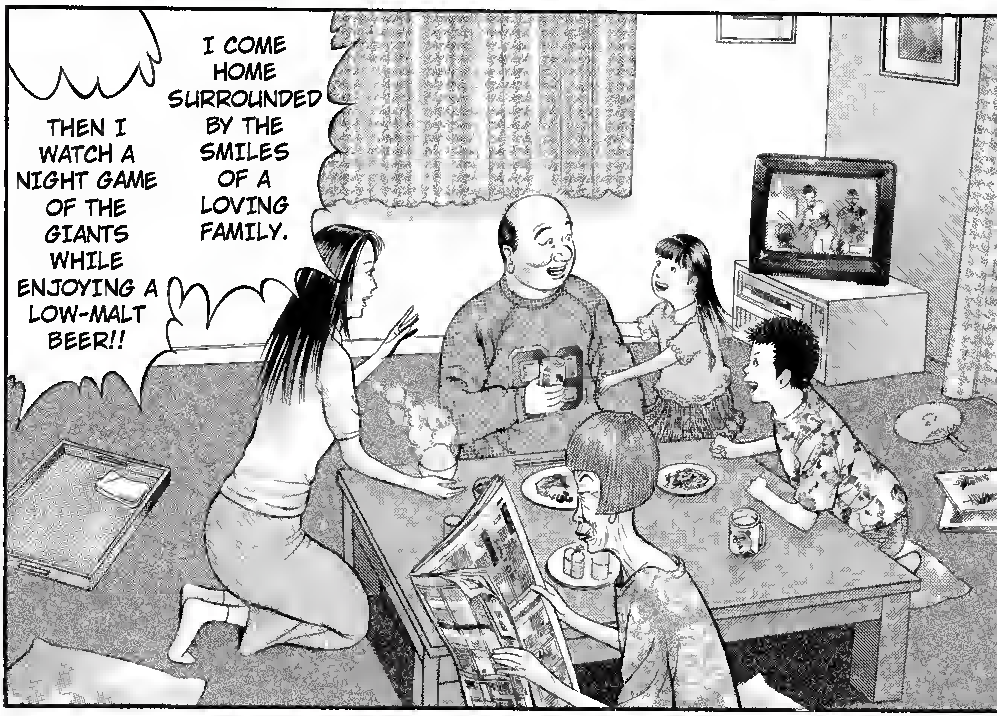

FOR YOU PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT HAVING MONEY MEANS YOU'RE WORTH ANYTHING, I BET YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE!

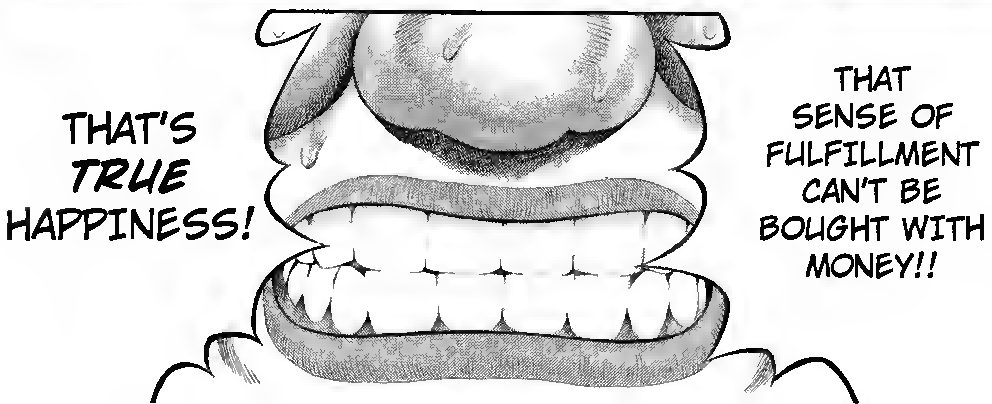
THE PRODUCT BRINGS HAPPINESS ONLY WHEN IT'S IN LINE WITH THE HEART OF THE CUSTOMER!

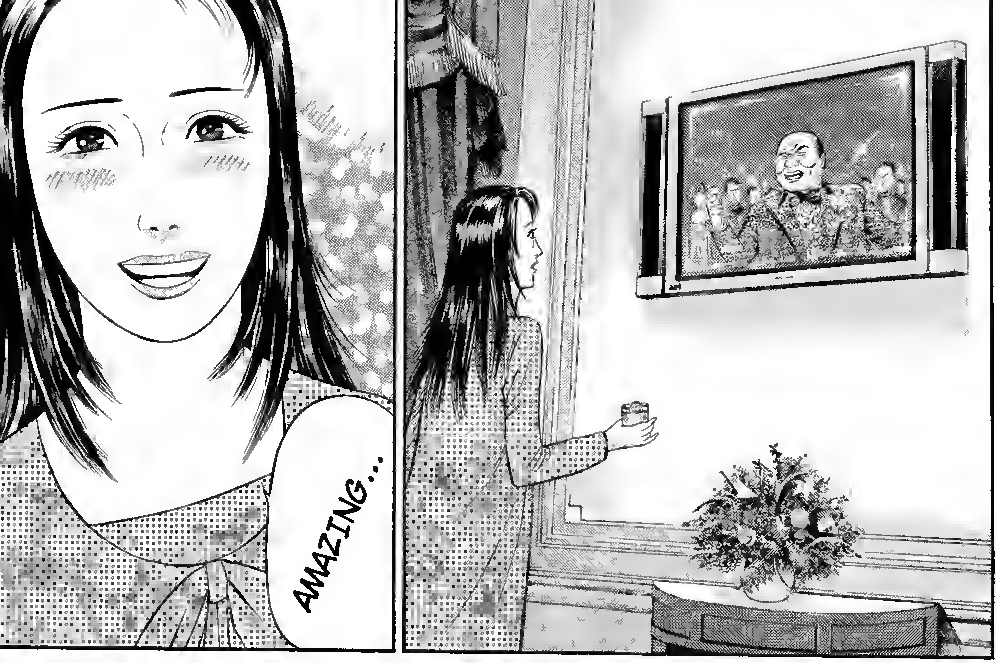

WE'LL STILL RESPOND WHOLE-HEARTEDLY.
EVEN IF THERE'S A CUSTOMER WHO ISN'T HAPPY WITH A PRODUCT THAT'S ONLY 100 YEN ...


MY JOB IS TO DEAL WITH CUSTOMER CLAIMS...

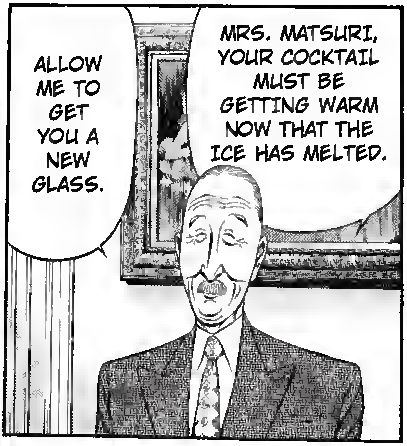

OR THE 35-YEAR MORTGAGE... OR THE 230,000 YEN SALARY! WHO CARES?!
OR THE MANAGER'S LECTURE!
WHO CARES ABOUT THE MORNING RUSH?!


I COME HOME SURROUNDED BY THE SMILES OF A LOVING FAMILY.
THEN I WATCH A NIGHT GAME OF THE GIANTS WHILE ENJOYING A LOW-MALT BEER!!


THAT'S TRUE HAPPINESS!
THAT SENSE OF FULFILLMENT CAN'T BE BOUGHT WITH MONEY!!


AMAZING...

I DON'T NEED THE MONEY TO LIVE IN A MANSION LIKE THIS!
I DON'T NEED THE MONEY TO BUY A BASEBALL TEAM!
I DON'T NEED THE MONEY TO BUILD A BUNCH OF BIG MANSIONS!
I DON'T NEED ANY OF IT!

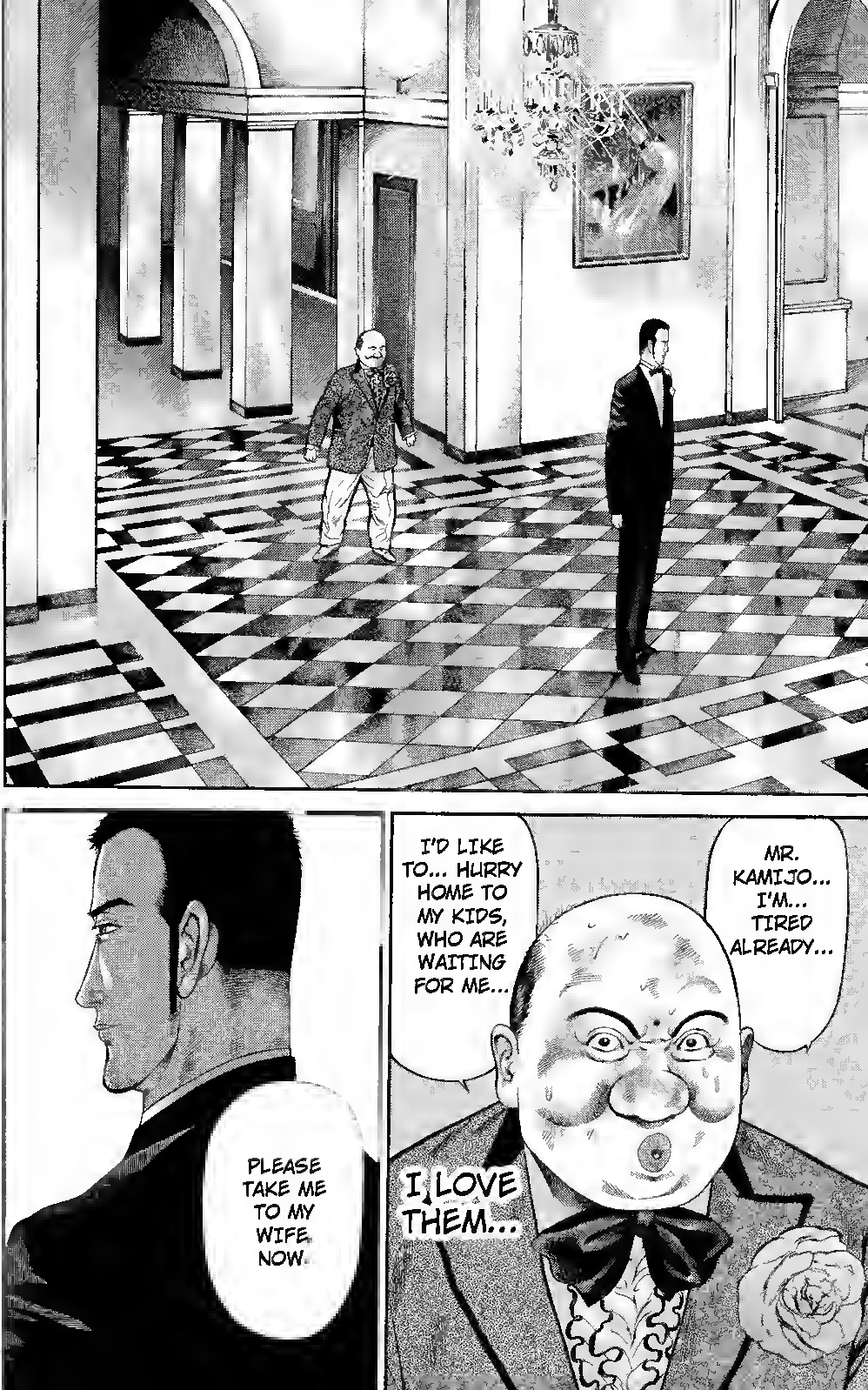

MRS. MATSURI, YOUR COCKTAIL MUST BE GETTING WARM NOW THAT THE ICE HAS MELTED.
ALLOW ME TO GET YOU A NEW GLASS.

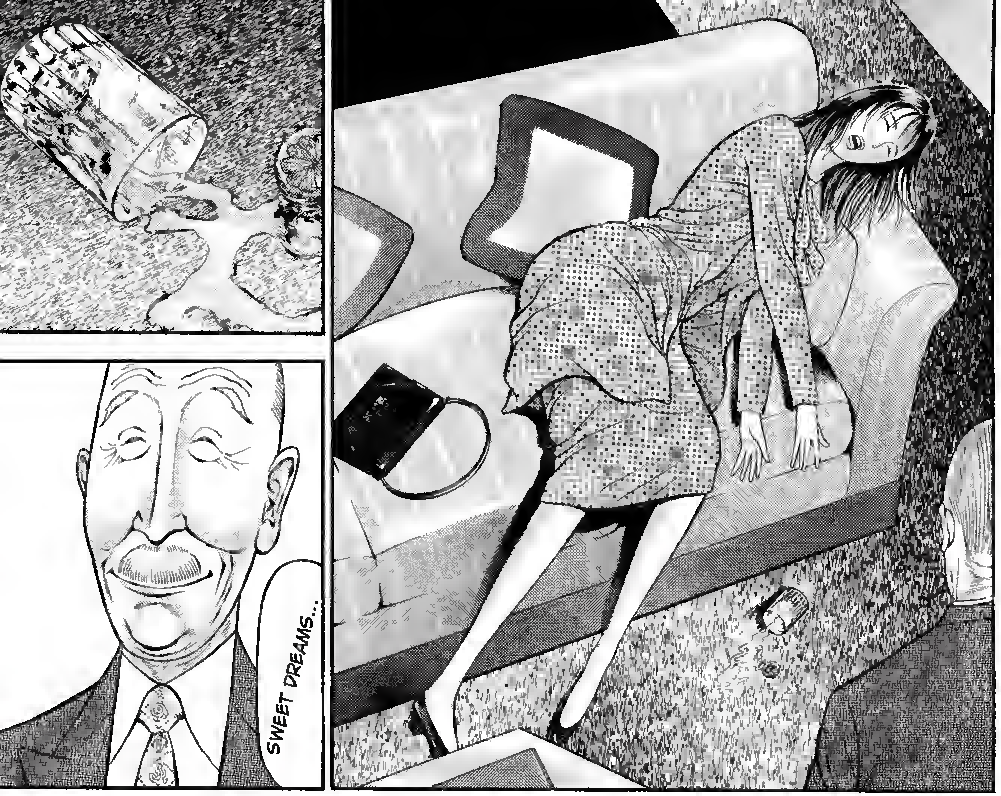
NO ...
THAT'S FINE...

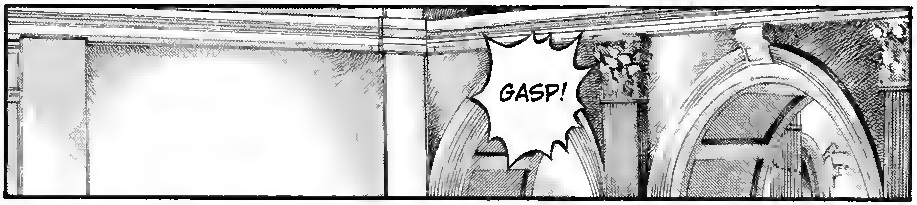
I'M STILL FAR HAPPIER THAN YOU WILL EVER BE !!!

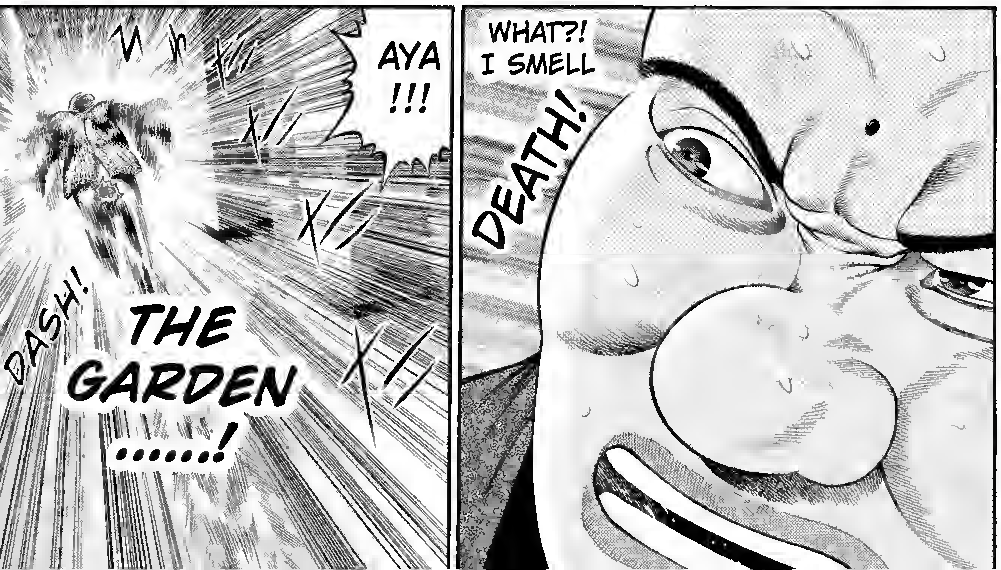
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!
ニヤロ
GLARE
!

GASP
MURMUR
UH...
CLAP...
Y-YOU HAVE THE WRONG IDEA...! I-... I WOULD NEVER GO AGAINST YOU, MR. KAMIJO, AFTER ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME!
N-NEVER...!
I WAS... FOR SOME REASON... ODDLY IMPRESSED BY HIS, UH... PETTY BOURGEOISIE TAKE ON BEER...
ER... I'M SORRY... THAT IS... WHAT I MEAN TO SAY IS...
GROVEL
GROVEL
TH-THANK YOU.
IT'S NATURAL FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE DIFFERENCES IN OPINION.
BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, MR. KIMURA.
PAT
THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR COMING!
LET US END THE NIGHT OFF ON MR. MATSURI'S MARVELOUS SPEECH.
WELL, THEN,


MR. KAMIJO... I'M... TIRED ALREADY...
I'D LIKE TO... HURRY HOME TO MY KIDS, WHO ARE WAITING FOR ME...
I LOVE THEM...
PLEASE TAKE ME TO MY WIFE NOW.


SWEET DREAMS...


GASP!


AYA !!!
DASH!
THE GARDEN .....!
WHAT?! I SMELL
DEATH!

TH-THAT'S MR. KIMURA...!
THE MAN WHO CLAPPED AT THE PARTY!
STEP

!
ONE SECOND, HE'S HAPPILY ATTENDING A PARTY WITH A SMILE... THE NEXT SECOND, HE KILLS HIMSELF.
YOU CAN NEVER KNOW A PERSON ...
IF YOU GIVE HIS WIFE S HUNDRED MILLION YEN IN COMPENSATION MONEY, SHE'LL BE SATISFIED AND HAVE A HAPPY LIFE.
ALTHOUGH THE KAMIJO FAMILY IS NOT TO BLAME...
THAT'S RIGHT, MR. CHOU!
THIS IS TRULY UNFORTU-NATE.
BY THE WAY, MR. MATSURI ...
WHY, THESE PEOPLE ...!

I'D LIKE TO BUY AYA.
BE IT 5 HUNDRED MILLION OR A BILLION...
NAME YOUR PRICE!
YOUR ENTIRE LIFE... YOU'LL WORK AND SLAVE AWAY AT YOUR JOB EVERY DAY, AND YOUR LIFE WAGES WILL AMOUNT TO AT BEST 1 OR 2 HUNDRED MILLION.
I'LL PAY YOU MANYFOLD THAT AMOUNT IN AN INSTANT!

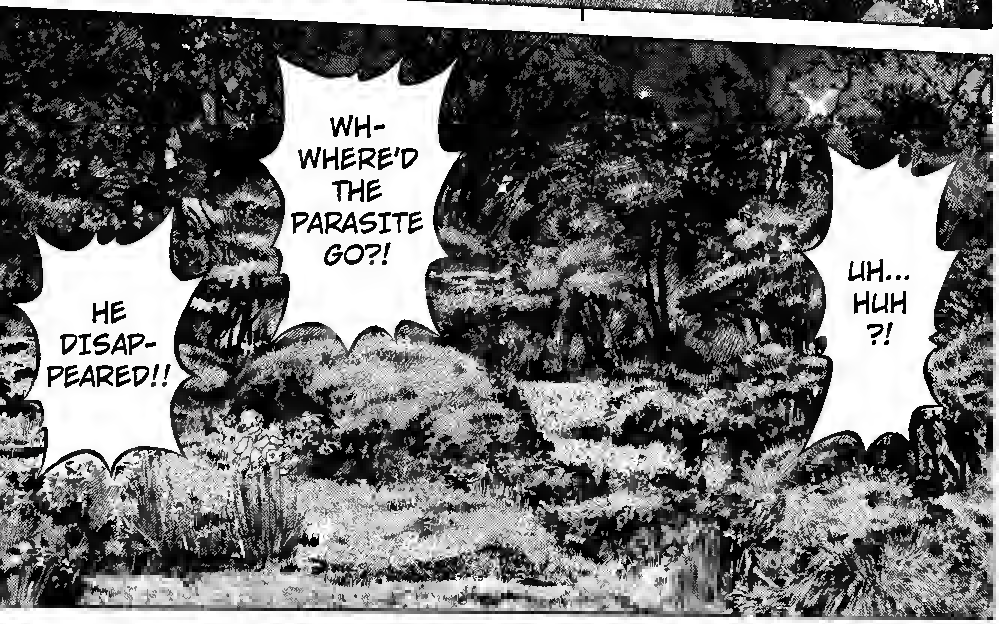
I WANT TO BUY HER... JUST BECAUSE I CAN!
JUST BECAUSE I CAN!
HAHAHAHA!
HAHAHAHA! DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO AFTER I BUY AYA?
NOTHING!
SECONDHAND GARBAGE TAKEN FROM WITHERED PARASITES LIKE YOU DISGUST ME!
HAHAHAHA!
NO MATTER HOW UGLY A MAN IS, AS LONG AS HE HAS MONEY, WOMEN WILL LOVE HIM!
YOU CAN HAVE WOMEN WITH FINE BODIES, WHO ARE MUCH YOUNGER THAN AYA... FOR YOUR VERY OWN!
I'M NOT LYING. IT'S THE TRUTH, MR. MATSURI!!
JUST LIKE THE LOW-MALT BEER YOU'RE SO FOND OF, LOVE TOO CAN BE BOUGHT WITH MONEY!

YOU HAVE NO TASTE!

WHOOSH!
I'M FED UP...
NOW ...
WHOOSH!
DON'T MAKE YOURSELF OUT TO BE MORE THAN THE POWERLESS, WORTHLESS PARASITE THAT YOU ARE!
IN THE END, YOU'RE GOING TO KNEEL BEFORE ME.
BECAUSE DEEP INSIDE, YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO SELL AYA FOR BIG MONEY!
HUH?!
POP!
I BROUGHT A GIFT FROM THE BANQUET HALL...
HMPH
EXPENSIVE WINE THAT YOU BASTARDS LOVE SO MUCH!

TASTE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!
PSSSSKKKK!

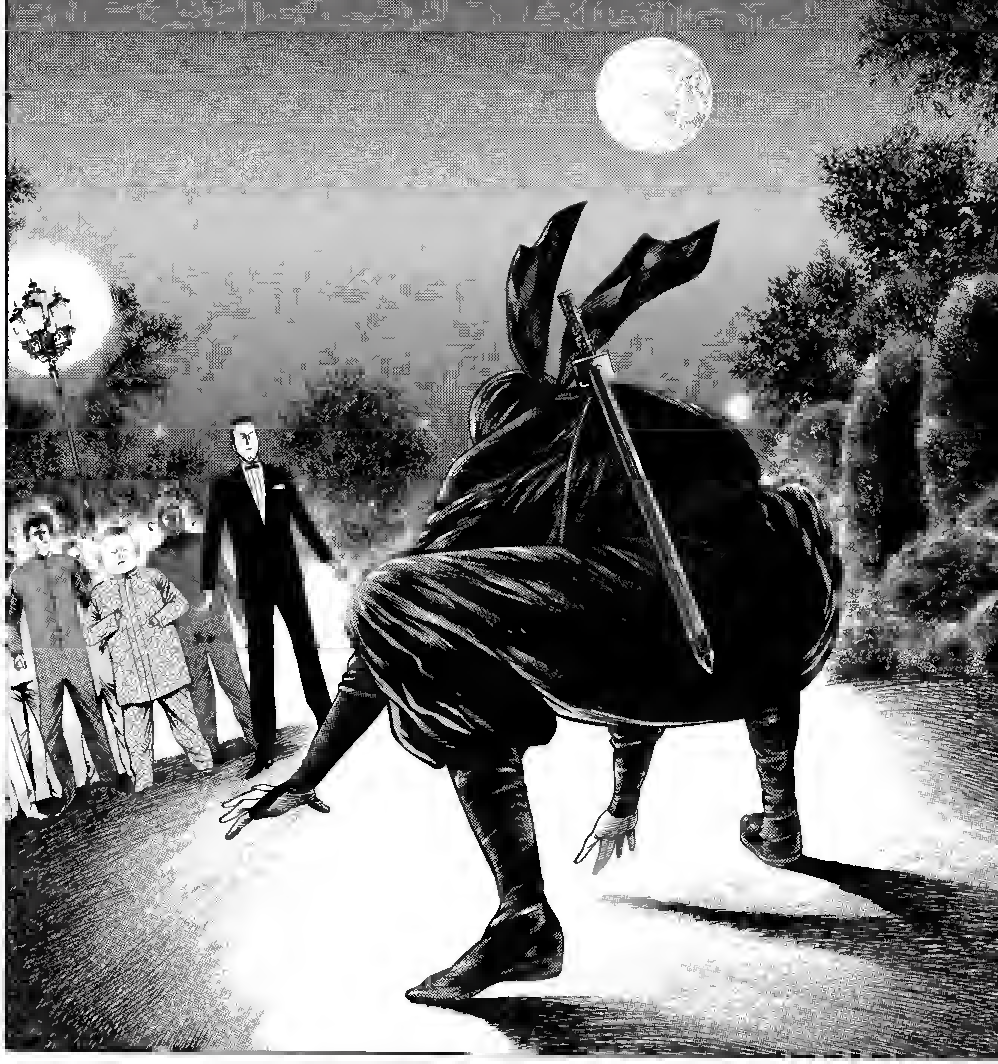
OHHH!
THE WINE IS SHINING!
AGGHHH!
WHAT IS THAT?!


WH-WHERE'D THE PARASITE GO?!
UH... HUH ?!
HE DISAP-PEARED!!

NOW THE REAL PARTY'S ABOUT TO BEGIN!
THAT MAN IS NO ORDINARY BALDY!
STRANGE...

I CAN ENDURE NO LONGER ...
I AM WITHOUT FEELING.
THE EIGHTH SHINOBI
THE END

THE NINTH SHINOBI:
"THE MANSION OF LAUGHTER"
WHOA! LOOK AT THAT!
AH...



I'LL HAVE MY WIFE BACK NOW...
GIVE AYA BACK!

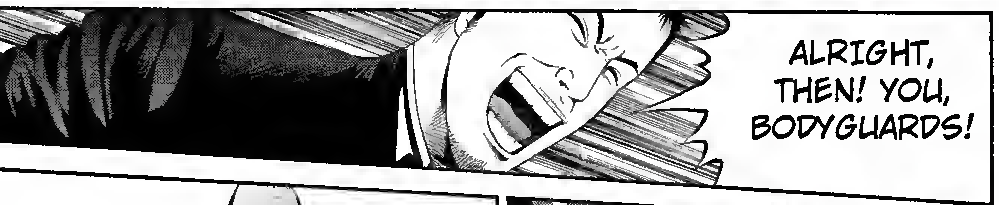
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
N-NINJA...
IT'S NOT NORMAL TO FALL FROM SUCH HEIGHTS WITHOUT A SINGLE INJURY...
NINJAS COME FROM JAPANESE HISTORICAL DRAMAS, BUT... THIS MAN ISN'T JUST A REGULAR MAN!
M-MR. CHOU.
MR. KAMIJO, THE WAY I SEE IT, YOU'RE STILL A NAIVE BOY WHO DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE WORLD.
MY BODYGUARDS WILL CAPTURE THAT MAN IMMEDIATELY ...
THAT'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

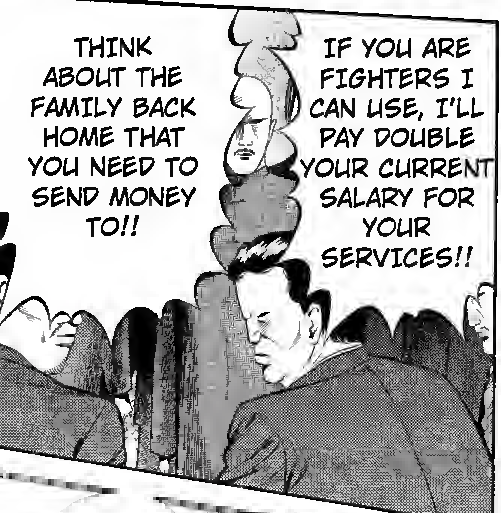
STRIKE
I HAVE A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT-
THIS.
AHH!

PLOP
GIVE ME... BACK... MY WIFE!
GRR...
GIVE HER BACK!

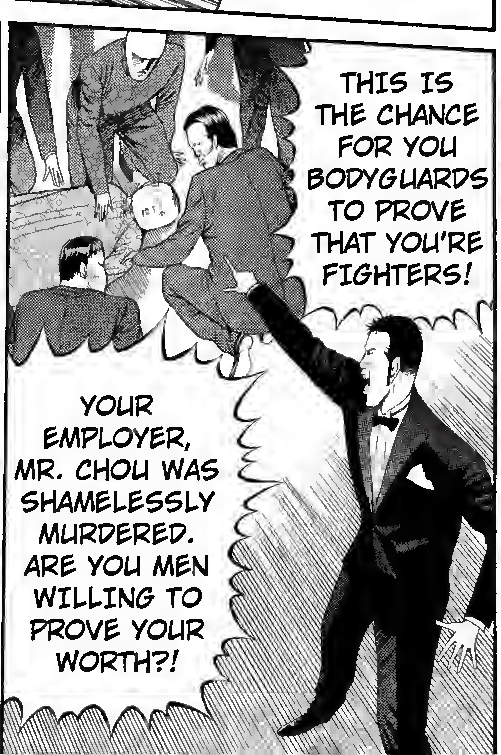
HYAHAHAHA!
BAHAHAHAHA!
EH?!

THIS GUY IS HILARIOUS!
HAHAHA HAHAHA
HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA
ARE YOU REALLY A NINJA!!

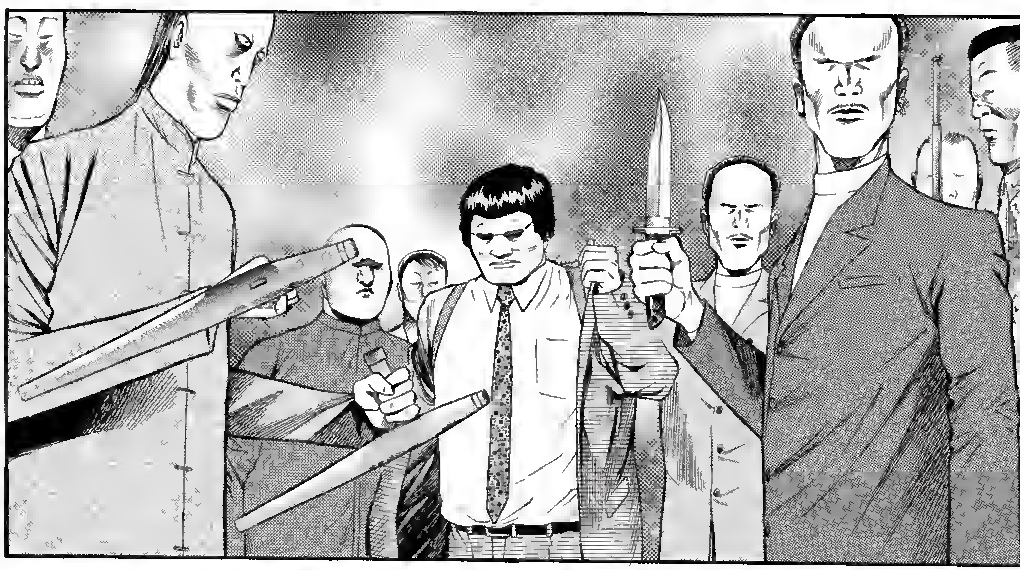

ALRIGHT, THEN! YOU, BODYGUARDS!


THINK ABOUT THE FAMILY BACK HOME THAT YOU NEED TO SEND MONEY TO!!
IF YOU ARE FIGHTERS I CAN USE, I'LL PAY DOUBLE YOUR CURRENT SALARY FOR YOUR SERVICES!!

NOW, THEN. GO...


THIS IS THE CHANCE FOR YOU BODYGUARDS TO PROVE THAT YOU'RE FIGHTERS!
YOUR EMPLOYER, MR. CHOU WAS SHAMELESSLY MURDERED. ARE YOU MEN WILLING TO PROVE YOUR WORTH?!

HAHAHA! THAT'S IT! I GOT IT!
THE PERSON WHO BRINGS ME HIS HEAD WILL GET A BONUS!!
SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE DOWN THAT NINJA!!!



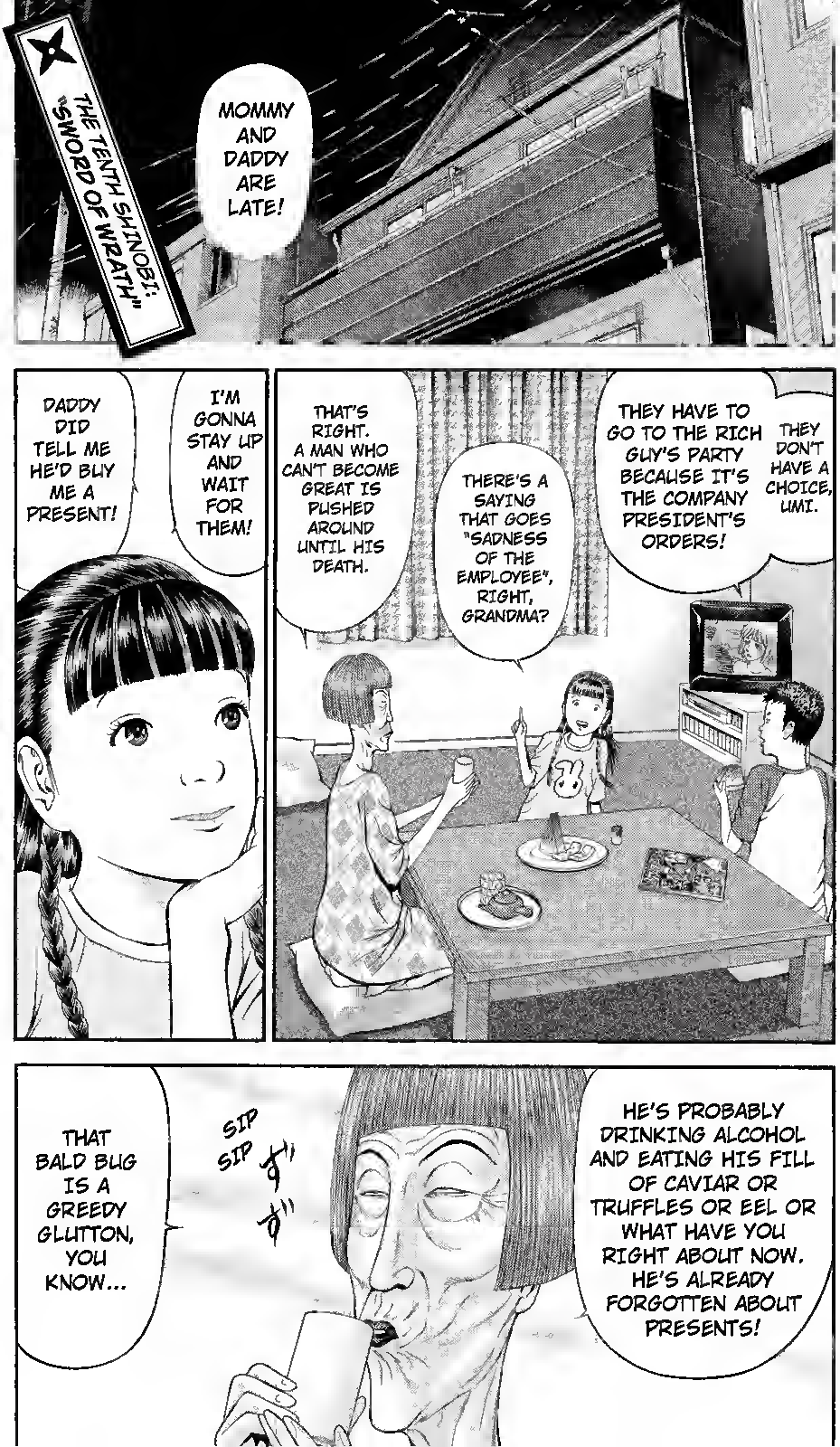
YOU TAUGHT ME ABOUT THE WARMTH OF A HOME... ABOUT THE VALUE OF PEACE.
AYA... YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO LOVE...

I WILL FIGHT WHOEVER COMES MY WAY!
TO PROTECT MY LOVE...
WHAT-EVER HAPPENS, I WILL SURVIVE!
TO SAVE YOU, I WILL EVEN CUT PEOPLE DOWN!!

I WILL LIVE...
FOR MY ONLY LOVE!
BEI KUU!
AGHHH! AMAAAZING!
PLOP

SPLASH!
QUICK!
CRAZY!
HYAHAHAHA!
PIERCE
BAN!
SLASH!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
FEI FAN!

THIS IS FUN!!!
I WANT A NINJA!!
HYAHAHA!
RIGHT THERE! KILL HIM!
WICKED! JAPANESE NINJA! SO STRONG!
HYAHAHA!
AYA...
HOLD ON! I'M COMING TO SAVE YOU!
THE NINTH SHINOBI
END


THE TENTH SHINOBI: "SWORD OF WRATH"
MOMMY AND DADDY ARE LATE!
I'M GONNA STAY UP AND WAIT FOR THEM!
DADDY DID TELL ME HE'D BUY ME A PRESENT!
THAT'S RIGHT. A MAN WHO CAN'T BECOME GREAT IS PUSHED AROUND UNTIL HIS DEATH.
THERE'S A SAYING THAT GOES "SADNESS OF THE EMPLOYEE", RIGHT, GRANDMA?
THEY HAVE TO GO TO THE RICH GUY'S PARTY BECAUSE IT'S THE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S ORDERS!
THEY DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, UMI.
THAT BALD BUG IS A GREEDY GLUTTON, YOU KNOW...
SIP SIP
HE'S PROBABLY DRINKING ALCOHOL AND EATING HIS FILL OF CAVIAR OR TRUFFLES OR EEL OR WHAT HAVE YOU RIGHT ABOUT NOW. HE'S ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT PRESENTS!

ZAN!

HE'S SO STRONG! WOW!
I WANT ONE!!
THE JAPANESE NINJA IS THE BEST!!!

FWOOSH!
WHOA! DON'T GET CARELESS NOW!
SLICE
AH...
NINJA! BEHIND YOU!!
GASP!

CLANG
A-HA!
CLANG
TOU!
CLANG
GASP!
THIS GUY'S GOOD!
SKID
FUN!

HYAHAHA! DON'T LOSE, JAPANESE NINJA!
HERE'S SOME-THING TO KEEP YOU GOING!

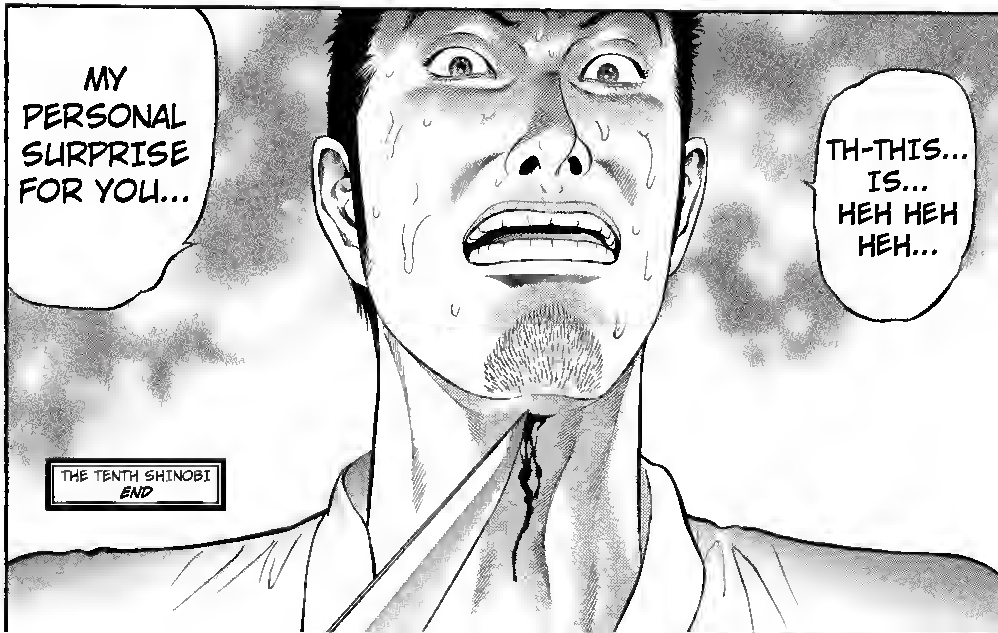
NOW DEFEAT YOUR FOE AND SAVE THE PRINCESS!!
IT'S YOUR BELOVED PRINCESS, AYA, IN ALL HER NAKED GLORY, SEEKING TO BE RESCUED!!
OKAY, NINJA! SHOW US WHAT YOUR WORTH!
COME ON! THE FLESH THAT YOU SO FONDLY EMBRACED IS RIGHT HERE!!
SQUEEZE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

HYAHAHAHA! YOU PISSED, NINJA?! THAT'S GOOD! GET PISSED! GET FUCKING PISSED!!
WHOOSH

ズッ
STAB
すうー
SLIP

PSSHHHHHH...
シュウウゥゥ

H-HOLD ON...
DON'T BE RASH ...


TH-THIS... IS... HEH HEH HEH...
MY PERSONAL SURPRISE FOR YOU...
THE TENTH SHINOBI
END

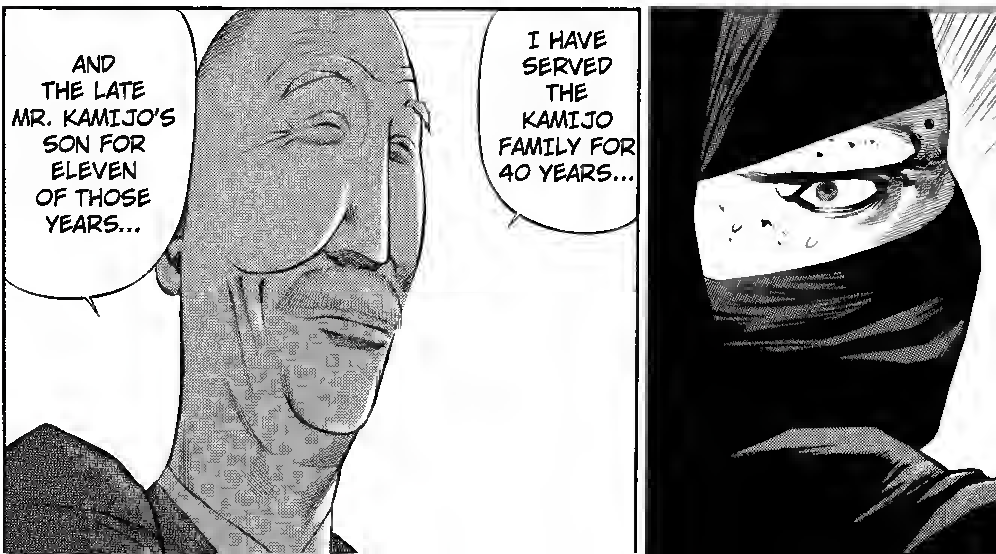
TH-THAT'S RIGHT...
THIS WAS MY PERSONAL SURPRISE!
IT WAS JUST A PRACTICAL JOKE FOR THE PARTY...
TH-THAT'S ALL I MEANT IT TO BE... FROM THE START...
I WANTED TO... SURPRISE YOU.
RE-REALLY, MR. MATSURI.
GASP
BY NO MEANS DID I... TH-THINK THAT... THINGS WOULD T-TURN INTO... SUCH A D-DISASTER...
M-MR. MA-TSURI ...
GASP
R-RIGHT?
I R-REALLY DIDN'T...

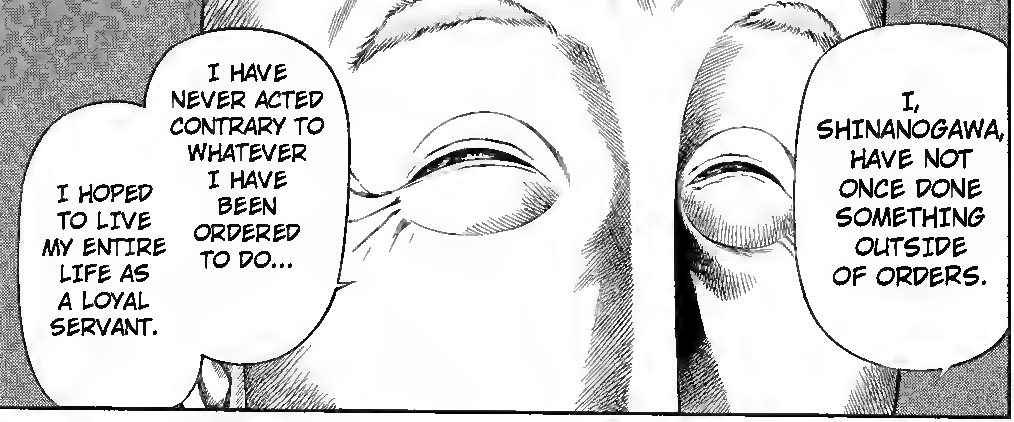
WHO WOULD EVER THINK YOU WERE REALLY A NINJA ?!
THE ELEVENTH SHINOBI: "GLORIOUS FALL OF KAMIJO"

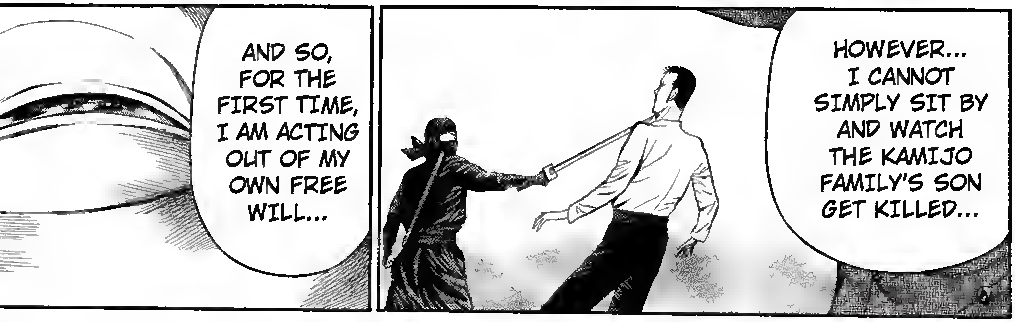
IF I HAD KNOWN FROM THE START, THINGS WOULD HAVE NEVER TURNED OUT LIKE THIS!
AN INCRED-IBLY STRONG ...
LETHAL, HUMAN-KILLING NINJA!!

EVEN I BECAME STRANGELY EXCITED FOR NO REASON!
SEEING PEOPLE GETTING KILLED...

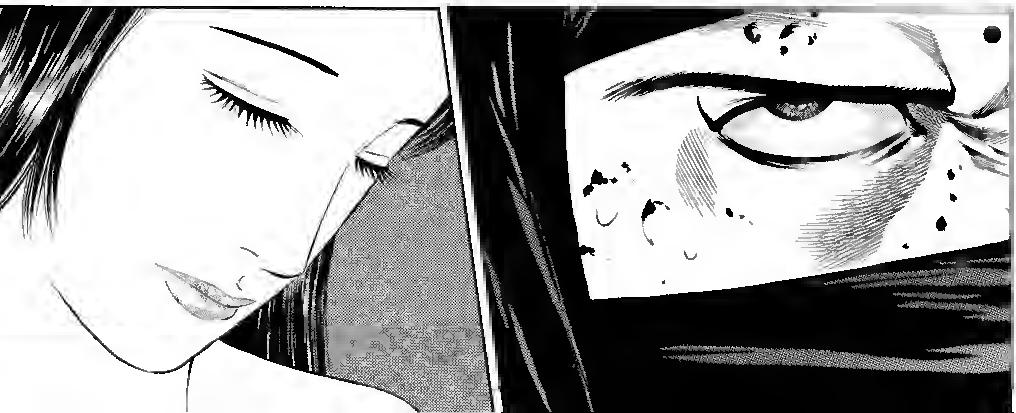
!
CLICK
N-NO!
GASP!
ARE YOU SAYING THIS IS MY FAULT?


I HAVE SERVED THE KAMIJO FAMILY FOR 40 YEARS...
AND THE LATE MR. KAMIJO'S SON FOR ELEVEN OF THOSE YEARS...

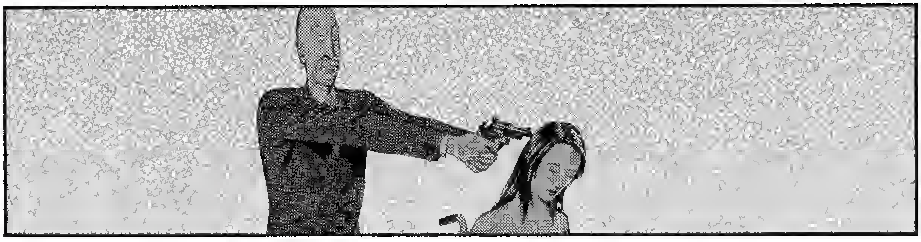

I HOPED TO LIVE MY ENTIRE LIFE AS A LOYAL SERVANT.
I HAVE NEVER ACTED CONTRARY TO WHATEVER I HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO DO...
I, SHINANOGAWA, HAVE NOT ONCE DONE SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF ORDERS.


AND SO, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I AM ACTING OUT OF MY OWN FREE WILL...
HOWEVER... I CANNOT SIMPLY SIT BY AND WATCH THE KAMIJO FAMILY'S SON GET KILLED...

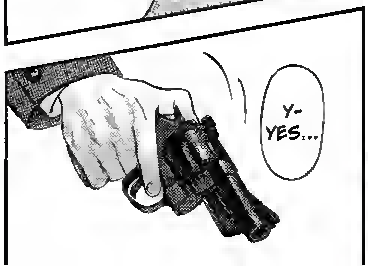
YOUR WIFE'S HEAD, MR. MATSURI, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE BLOWN TO PIECES.
THE CHANCE OF ME MISSING AT THIS DISTANCE IS ONE IN A MILLION.
ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT HELD A GUN SINCE I WAS CONSCRIPTED FOR THE PACIFIC WAR...

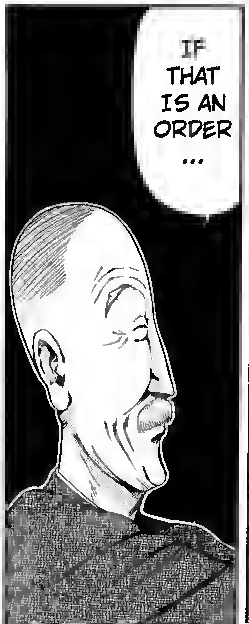


THANK YOU, SHINANO-GAWA...
BUT THAT'S ENOUGH ...



IT IS AN ORDER!
DO NOT ACT OUTSIDE OF MY ORDERS EVER AGAIN!


Y-YES...


IF THAT IS AN ORDER ...

IT DOESN'T NEED TO COME TO THAT ...
DON'T KILL AYA.

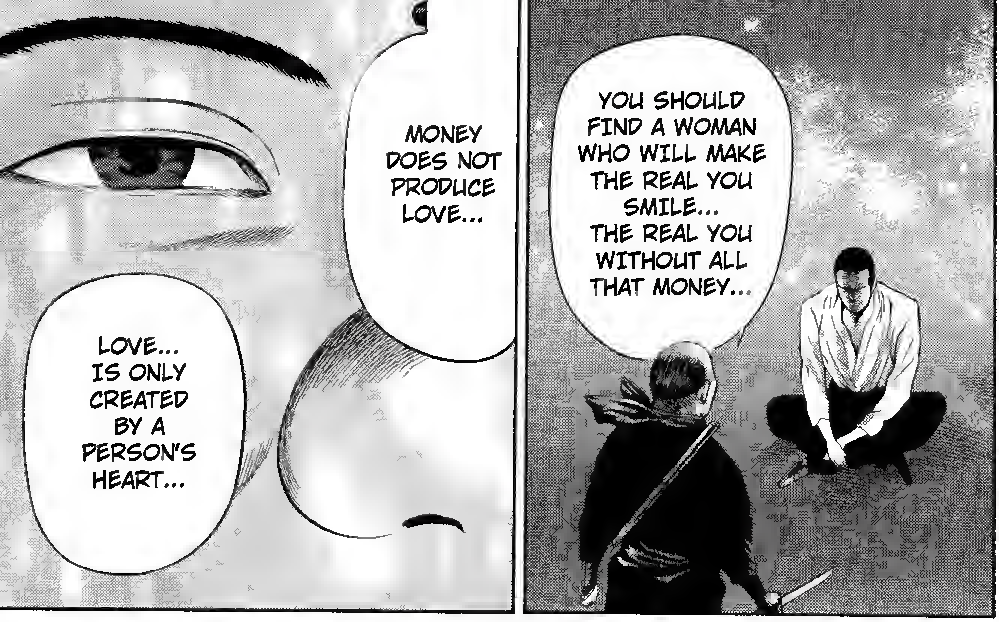
MR. MATSURI,
I WILL BE HONEST WITH YOU...
YOU KNOW HOW I RAN INTO YOU WHEN YOU AND YOUR WIFE WERE ON A DATE...
.....
YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING SO MUCH FUN.
IT WAS... FROM THAT POINT ON...

THAT I BEGAN TO FEEL VERY BITTER TOWARDS YOU...

YOUR SMILES... SO FILLED WITH JOY... I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT...
IT WAS AFTER THAT POINT ON... THAT I BEGAN TO PERSISTENTLY HARASS YOU AND YOUR WIFE...
BUT... THE BOND BETWEEN YOU TWO SHOWED NO SIGN OF SHAKING...
NOT EVEN BY MONEY ...
BUT FAR FROM THAT, I STARTED TO REALIZE WHAT REAL HAPPINESS WAS...
AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT...
YOU WORK EVERY DAY WITH YOUR PALTRY SALARY OF 230 THOUSAND YEN... YET YOU'RE HAPPY?
I, ON THE OTHER HAND... HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH MONEY...
BUT ...
SO WHY DO I NOT FEEL THE HAPPI-NESS THAT YOU FEEL?
WHY ...?
WHY AM I SO JEALOUS OF YOU ...?
WHY ...?
WHY DO I FEEL SO MISERABLE ...?

WHY AM I THE LONELY ONE?!
SOB...
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPI-NESS ?!
MR. KAMIJO ...

YOU SHOULD HAVE A FAMILY OF YOUR OWN, TOO.

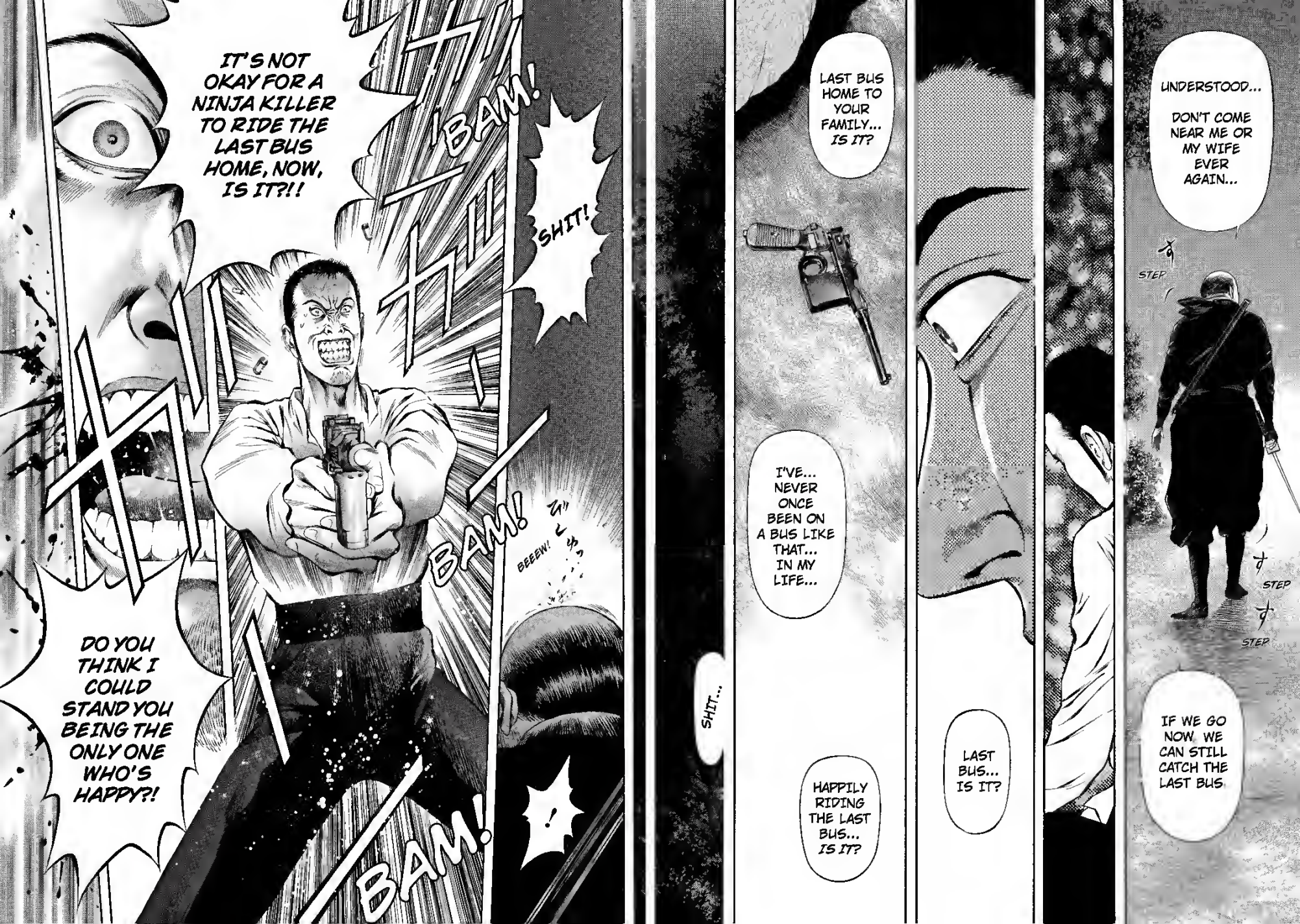

MONEY DOES NOT PRODUCE LOVE...
LOVE... IS ONLY CREATED BY A PERSON'S HEART...
YOU SHOULD FIND A WOMAN WHO WILL MAKE THE REAL YOU SMILE... THE REAL YOU WITHOUT ALL THAT MONEY...

SLEEP ON THE BED, UMI!
AND YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA STAY UP 'TIL MOM AND DAD COME HOME!
MUMBLE
ZZZZZ
ZZZZZ

SIMPLY BECAUSE I CAME FROM A NINJA CLAN BORN TO FIGHT...
LIKE YOU... MY HEART WAS ONCE A DESOLATE AND BLEAK PLACE...

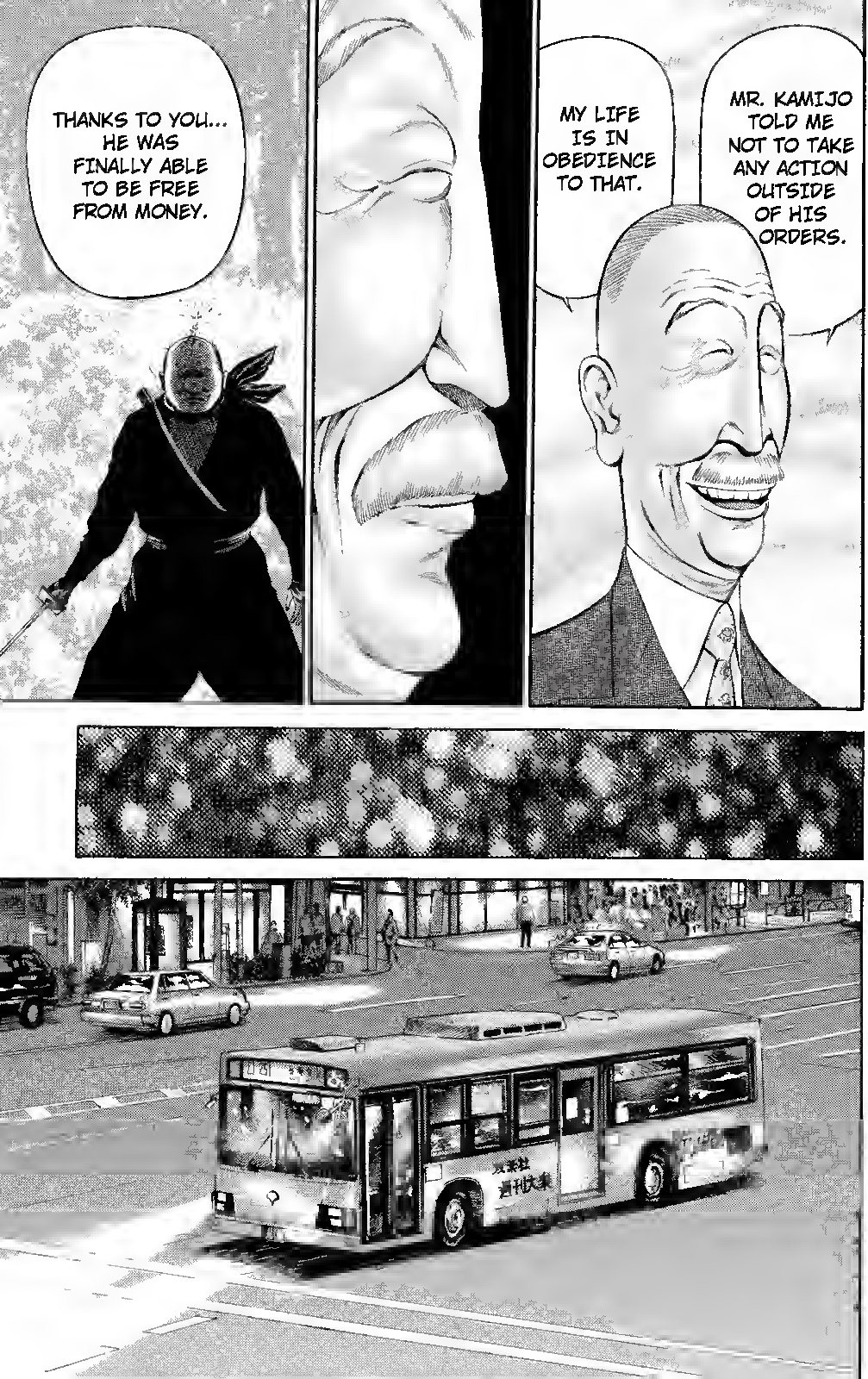
I LOVE MY WIFE WITH ALL MY HEART, MR. KAMIJO.
ONCE YOU KNOW THE WARMTH THAT COMES FROM THAT LOVE, YOU TOO WILL CHANGE.

GO HOME.
TAKE AYA WITH YOU..
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO KILL ME...
I CAN EASILY CLEAN UP THIS MESS.
THIS ALL HAPPENED IN THIS MANSION... SO NO ONE WILL TELL..
AND OF COURSE, THESE KINDS OF THINGS CAN EASILY BE SETTLED WITH MONEY...
IF IT COMES TO IT, I CAN BLAME MR. CHOU FOR THESE CRIMES...
THEY'LL QUICKLY FIND OUT THAT HE WORKS IN THE UNDER-SIDE OF SOCIETY.


IT'S NOT OKAY FOR A NINJA KILLER TO RIDE THE LAST BUS HOME, NOW, IS IT?!!
BAM!
SHIT!
BAM!
BEEEW!
BAM!
DO YOU THINK I COULD STAND YOU BEING THE ONLY ONE WHO'S HAPPY?!
SHIT...
LAST BUS HOME TO YOUR FAMILY... IS IT?
I'VE... NEVER ONCE BEEN ON A BUS LIKE THAT... IN MY LIFE...
HAPPILY RIDING THE LAST BUS... IS IT?
LAST BUS... IS IT?
UNDERSTOOD...
DON'T COME NEAR ME OR MY WIFE EVER AGAIN...
STEP
STEP
STEP
IF WE GO NOW, WE CAN STILL CATCH THE LAST BUS

I WONT LET YOU RIDE THAT LAST BUS!
SLASH!
AGGGHHH!

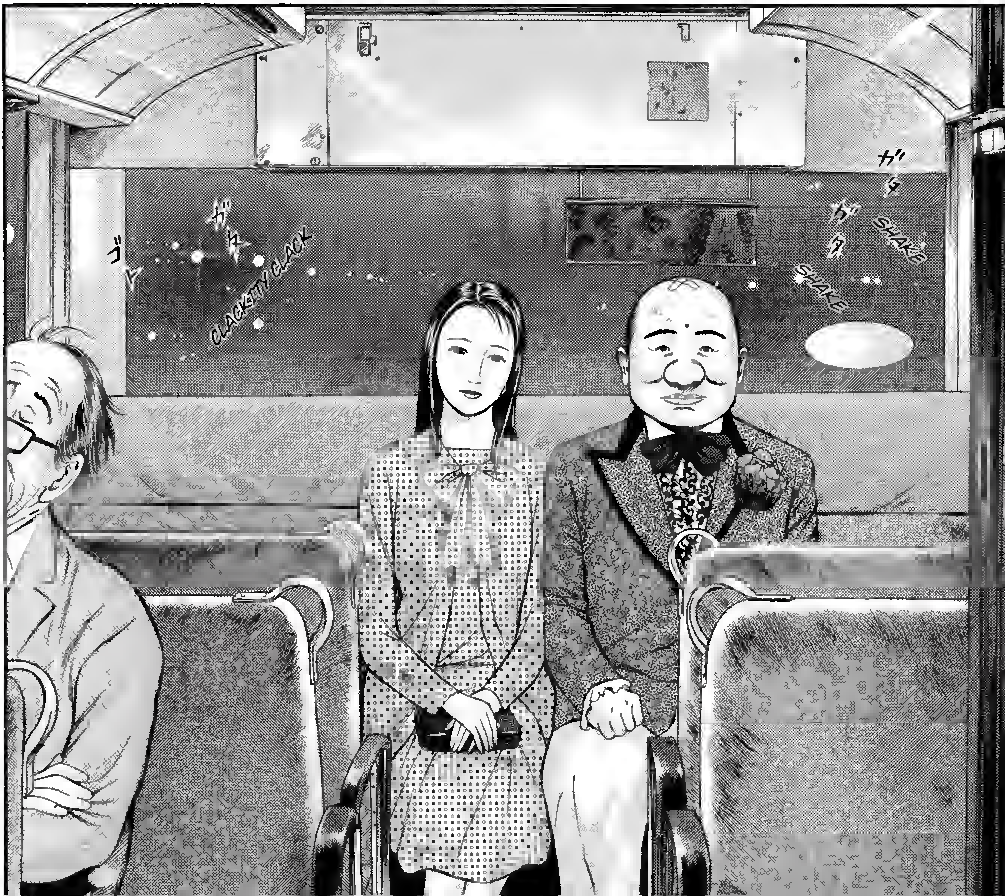
FWUUSH!
I WILL ENDURE NO MORE!!
FWUUSH!
AYA !!


THANKS TO YOU... HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO BE FREE FROM MONEY.
MY LIFE IS IN OBEDIENCE TO THAT.
MR. KAMIJO TOLD ME NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION OUTSIDE OF HIS ORDERS.

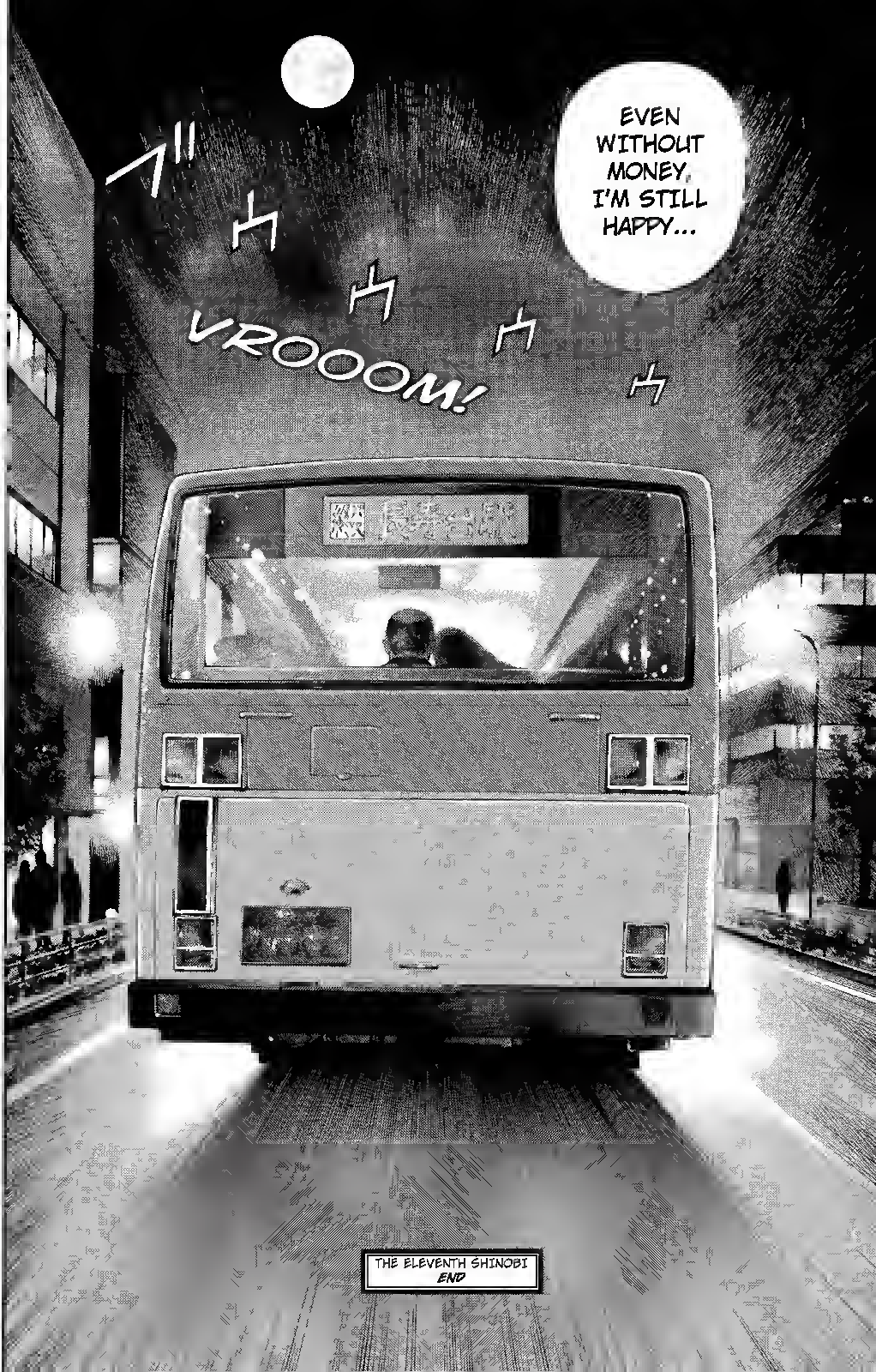
NO, 'CAUSE YOU'RE A CREEP!
IT'LL BE FINE!
JUS' STAY AT MY PLACE T'NIGHT, BABE!

SNORE!

WHAT DOES HE THINK WE EMPLOYEES ARE?!
I'MMA GONNA DO IT!
THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA TELL THE GENERAL MANAGER OFF!


CLACKITY CLACK
SHAKE
SHAKE

IT ENDED WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS, SO...
IT WENT OKAY.
I WONDER HOW THE PARTY WENT...
I WONDER WHY I'M SO SLEEPY...
YAWN...
I WANT TO STAY WITH THE KIDS AS MUCH AS I CAN...
HONEY... I'VE BEEN THINKING... MAYBE I SHOULD LEAVE MY PART-TIME JOB FOR AWHILE AND STAY AT HOME...
双葉社
週刊大衆
YES, WHAT IS IT?
HONEY ...
I MIGHT NOT BRING IN TOO MUCH EVERY MONTH, BUT AS CHIEF OF CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS, I'LL DO MY BEST!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!



THE ELEVENTH SHINOBI
END

I HAVE A LOVE THAT MEANS THE WORLD TO ME...

NOBUO MATSURI

32 YEARS OLD...

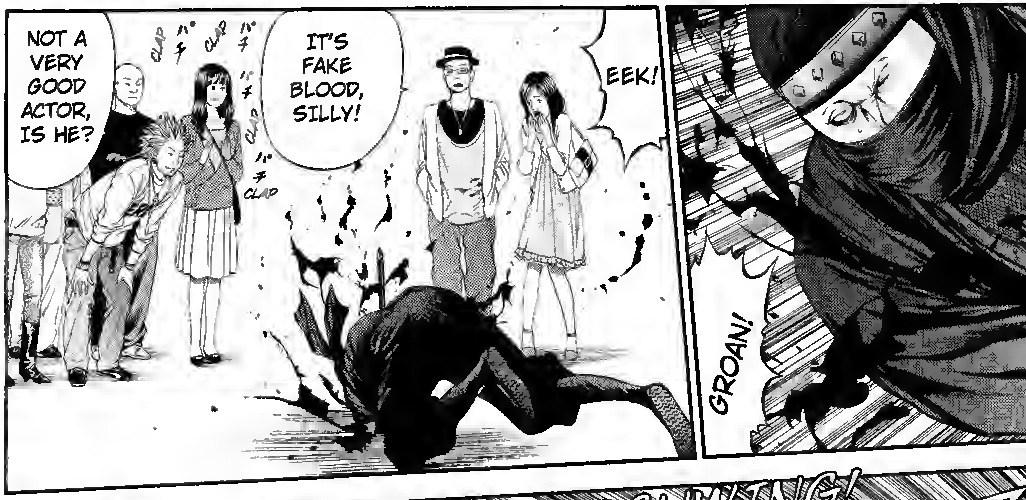
BECAUSE I HAVE THIS LOVE...

THE TWELFTH SHINOBI:
"DOWNHILL BLOODSHED 1-0-9"

OOOH!
WHERE'S MY CAMERA?!
IT'S A STREET STUNT!
YEAH!
AAAH!
PUBLICITY FOR A FILM, MAYBE?
LOOK! IT'S A NINJA RUNNING!

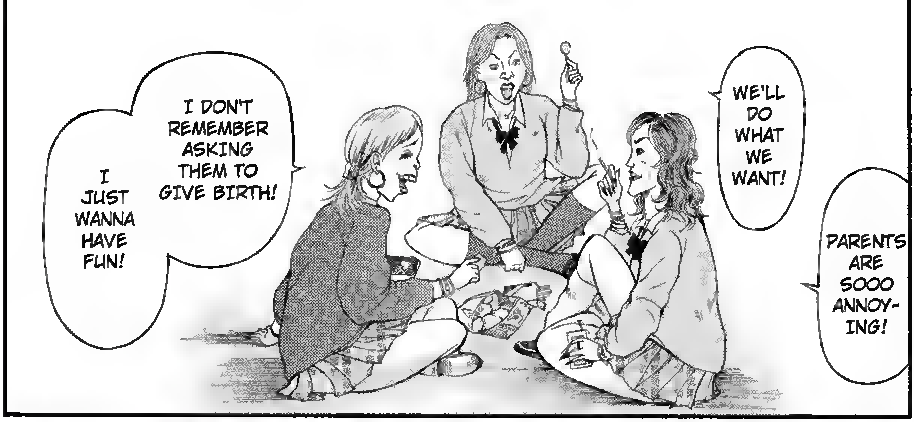
I MUST FIGHT WITH THE FATE THAT I CARRY ON MY SHOULDERS!
PREPARE YOURSELF !!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME, NOBUO MATSURI!
BURST

IF YOU GET TOO CLOSE, YOU'LL GET HURT!
THAT SMALL DUDE MUST BE THE STAR!
WHOA! HE CUT HIM!
SLICE


NOT A VERY GOOD ACTOR, IS HE?
CLAP
IT'S FAKE BLOOD, SILLY!
EEK!
GROAN!

SCHWING!

CLANG!
CLANG!
CLANG!
STAB
AGHHH!
UM, UH... UM... !!!!
WHAT?
HOW'S... HE... SO STRONG?!
HE'S JUST SUPPOSED TO BE A PLAIN, WORKING MAN... CAUGHT UP IN THIS WORLD...

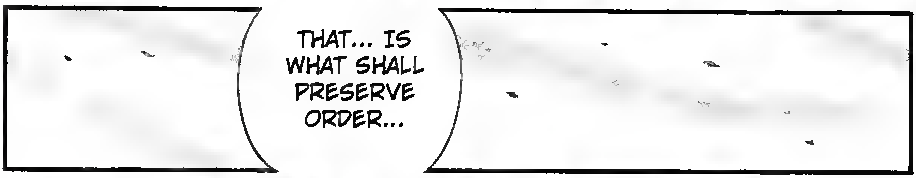

I JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!
I DON'T REMEMBER ASKING THEM TO GIVE BIRTH!
WE'LL DO WHAT WE WANT!
PARENTS ARE SOOO ANNOY-ING!

DIE!
GWA GHHH!
SLASH!

EW!
EEEEEK! MOMMY!!!
UGH!
WHAP!

SWISH!
渋谷センター街
Driving Manner Campaign
TOSS
SHIT! MY EYES! IT STINGS!
AH!
FLASH BOMB !!
BANG!
RUSH

THE IRON LAW WILL NOT FORGIVE HIS PLAIN LIFE, FOR HE HAS LEFT OUR CLAN TO BE CAUGHT UP IN THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE.
NOBUO MATSURI MUST ATONE FOR HIS SINS WITH HIS DEATH!

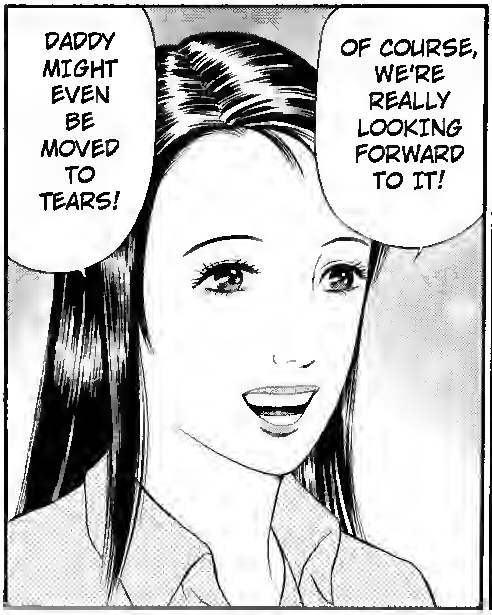

THAT... IS WHAT SHALL PRESERVE ORDER...

"PLAIN"... THAT WORD HAS BECOME SYNONYMOUS TO YOUR FABULOUS SELF!

FROM TODAY, YOU ARE A SPECIAL PERSON!
PANT!
BUT, WITH THIS LIPSTICK, YOUR LIFE WILL BE TRANSFORMED LIKE MAGIC!
Taisan lemon
ファミリーなら みんな 70%OFF!

PANT!
PANT!
PANT!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!
AT THE SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL NEXT SUNDAY, UMI HAS A SOLO PART IN THE CHORUS!
LAAAA LAAAA LAAAA!


DADDY MIGHT EVEN BE MOVED TO TEARS!
OF COURSE, WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

SINCE I HAVE A LEADING ROLE, YOU KNOW!
YOU CAN COME, TOO, GRAND-MA!
YOU AND DADDY ARE GONNA COME WATCH ME, RIGHT?!

MY SIXTH SENSE IS TELLING ME THAT HE'S BEING BULLIED AROUND AT THE COMPANY RIGHT ABOUT NOW!
ぶつ ぶつ
MUTTER MUTTER
HE MIGHT END UP WORKING THAT SUNDAY, TOO!
YOU CAN'T BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT! THAT BALD BUG HAS BEEN TAKING SO MANY OVERTIME SHIFTS THESE DAYS...

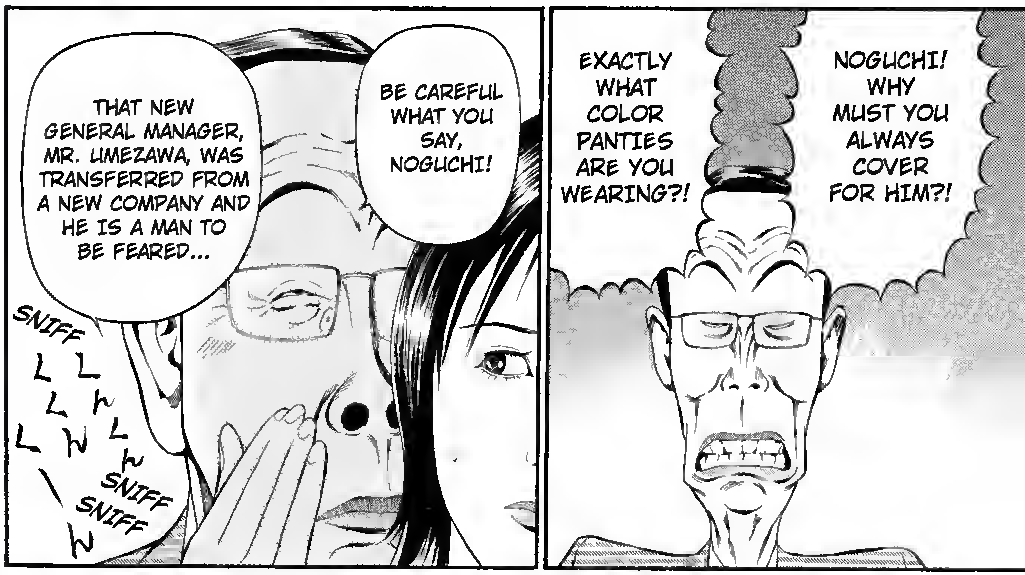
WOOSH!

ONE OF THEM'S HIDING HERE!
!

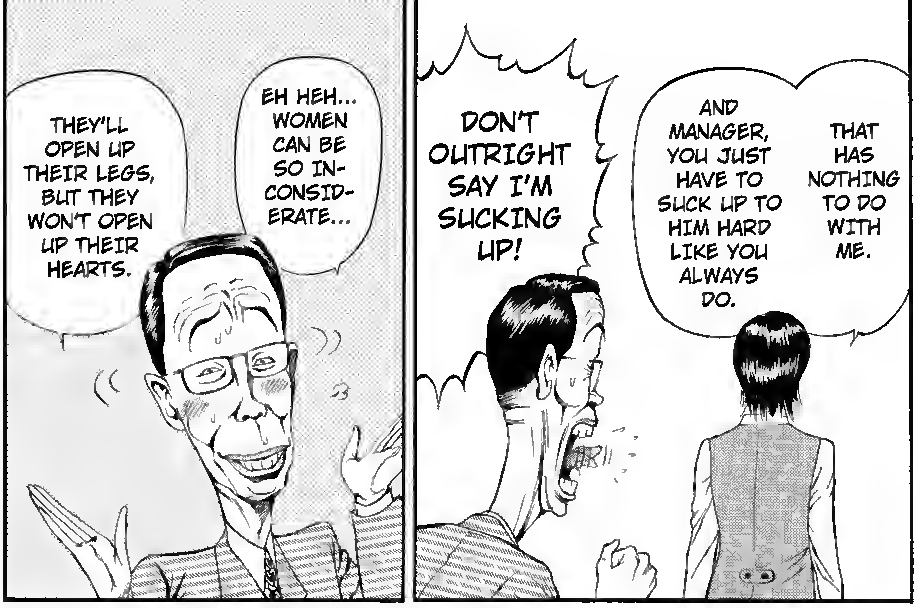
HE DIDN'T GO TOO FAR! HE'S RUNNING OUT OF BREATH!
YOU, BASTARD! YOU WON'T GET AWAY!

バタフ
食品
WHERE THE HELL DID THAT MATSURI WANDER OFF TO NOW?!

TODAY, HE WENT DIRECTLY TO SEE THE COMPLAINANT AND HEAR WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY!
MANAGER! ISN'T CHIEF MATSURI OUT WORKING HARD RIGHT NOW?!
BOW
I'M SORRY, GENERAL MANAGER! HE REALLY IS HOPELESSLY SLOW!
HE TRULY IS A BURDEN TO OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT!


THAT NEW GENERAL MANAGER, MR. UMEZAWA, WAS TRANSFERRED FROM A NEW COMPANY AND HE IS A MAN TO BE FEARED...
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY, NOGUCHI!
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
EXACTLY WHAT COLOR PANTIES ARE YOU WEARING?!
NOGUCHI! WHY MUST YOU ALWAYS COVER FOR HIM?!

IF A SALARYMAN CATCHES HIS ATTENTION, HIS LIFE IS OVER!


THEY'LL OPEN UP THEIR LEGS, BUT THEY WON'T OPEN UP THEIR HEARTS.
EH HEH... WOMEN CAN BE SO INCONSIDERATE...
DON'T OUTRIGHT SAY I'M SUCKING UP!
AND MANAGER, YOU JUST HAVE TO SUCK UP TO HIM HARD LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

PANT!
PANT!
PANT!

HOTEL
HOTEL CREATIVE
HIRAOKA
HOTEL
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
GROAN!
I'VE REACHED MY LIMIT...
IT'S FINE! TRUST ME! I CAN MAKE YOU COME!
NO WAY! I JUST BECAME A MEMBER!
¥4500-
HOTEL

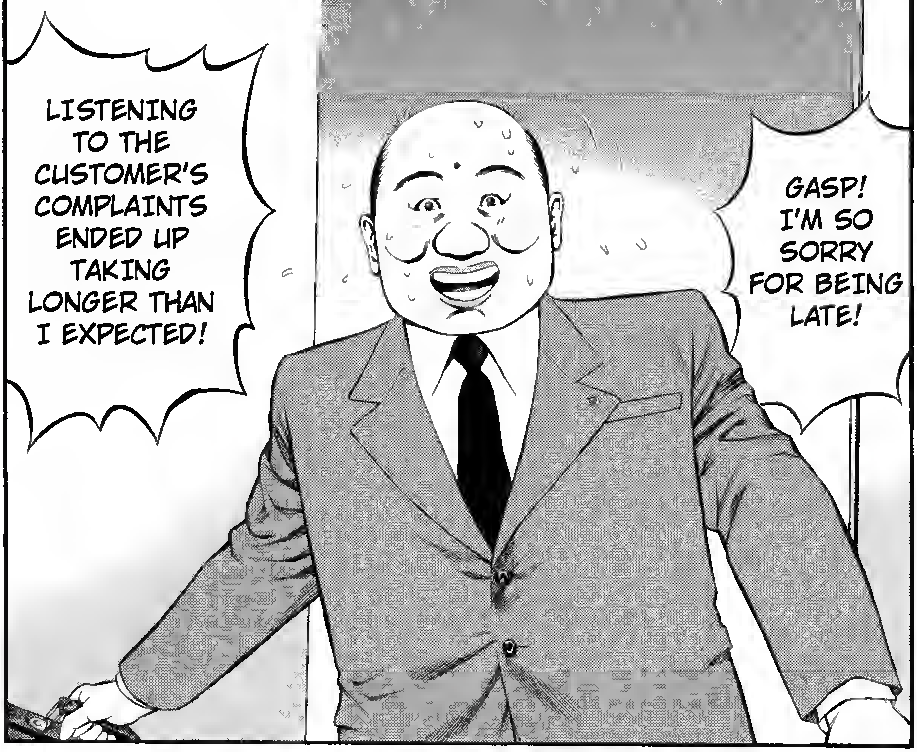
HEY, LOOK! A WALKING NINJA!
HYUK HYUK! IT'S OKAY! IT'S OKAY! NINJAS ARE NORMAL IN SHIBUYA!
BUT SINCE HE'S A NINJA...
HE'LL DISAPPEAR IF I DON'T GET HIM!

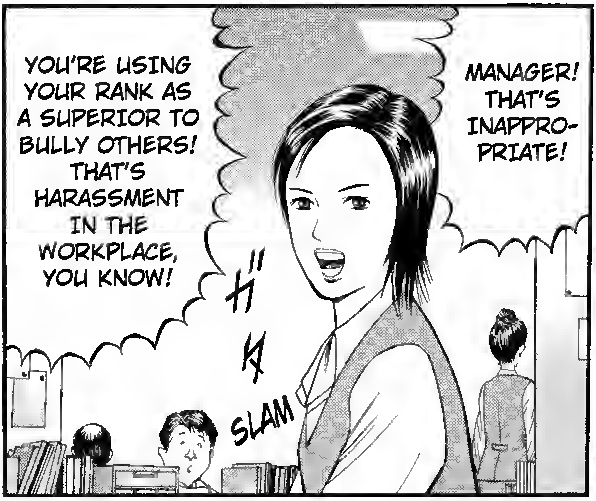
HYAA!
SLASH!

I WILL NOT REGRET KNOWING LOVE!

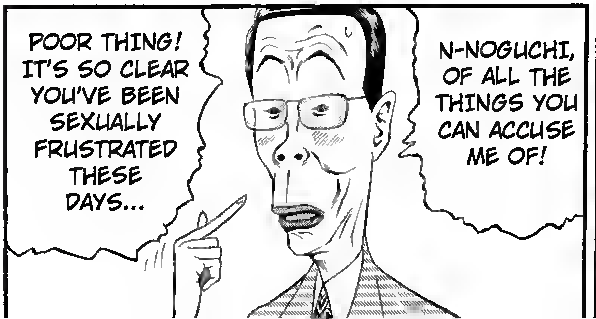
WHATEVER HAPPENS... I WILL SURVIVE!

...
I WILL!

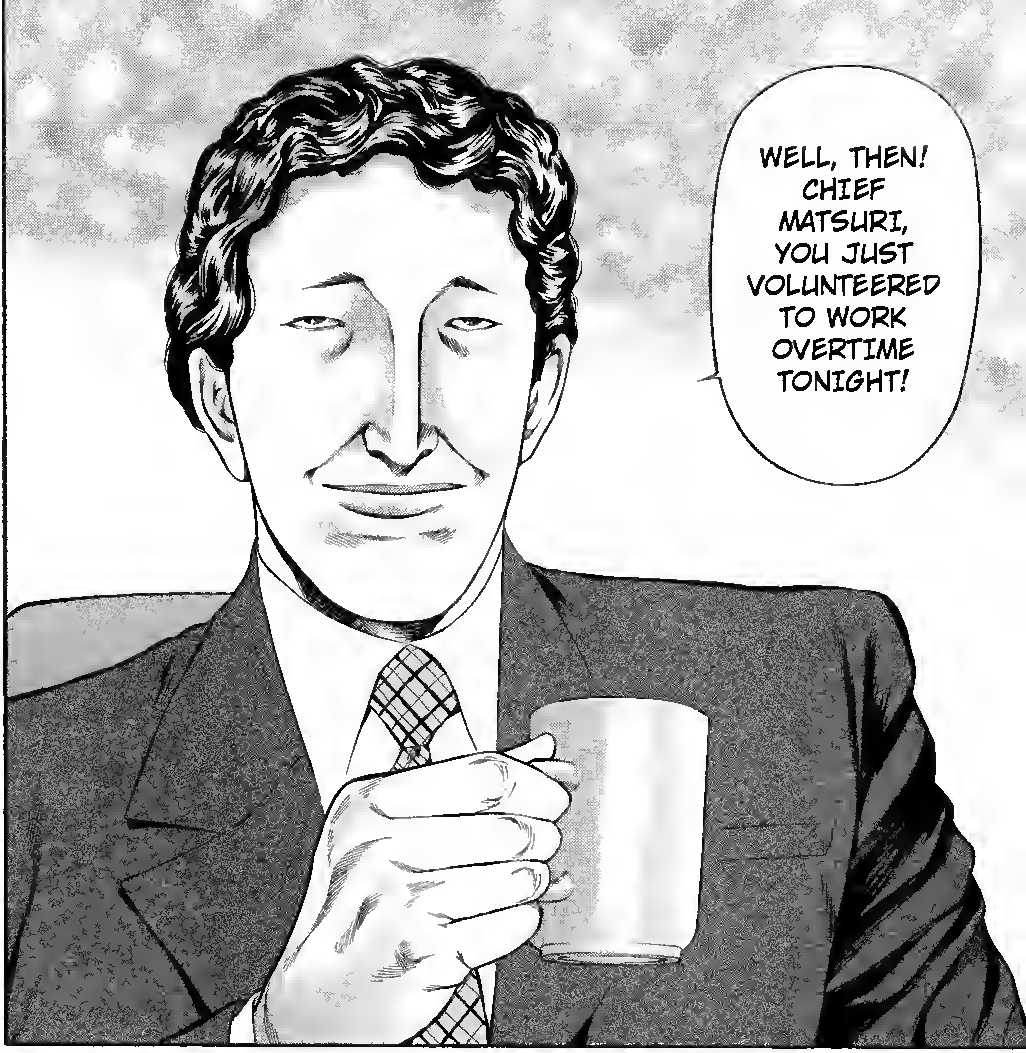

LISTENING TO THE CUSTOMER'S COMPLAINTS ENDED UP TAKING LONGER THAN I EXPECTED!
GASP! I'M SO SORRY FOR BEING LATE!

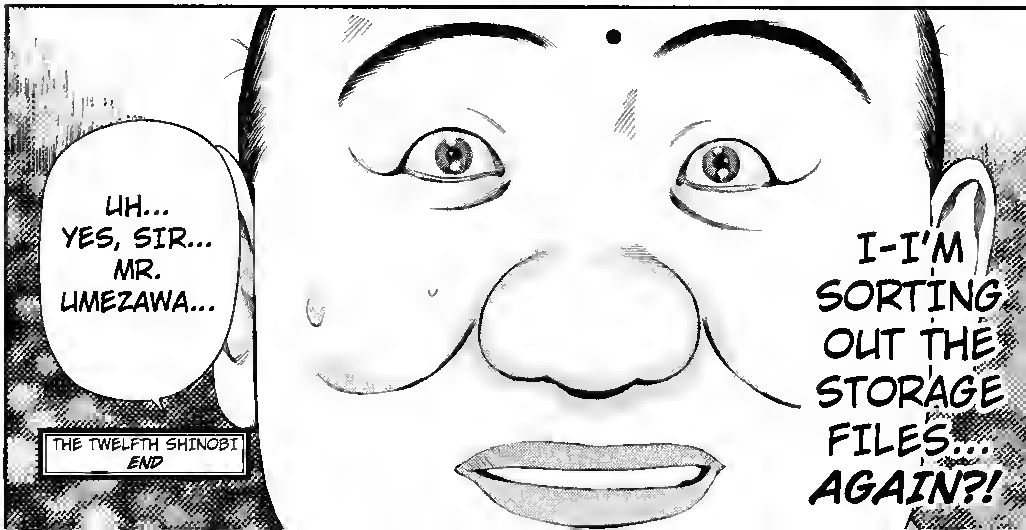

YOU'RE USING YOUR RANK AS A SUPERIOR TO BULLY OTHERS! THAT'S HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE, YOU KNOW!
MANAGER! THAT'S INAPPRO-PRIATE!
SLAM

YOU BALD SLAG!
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY EVERY TIME!
SLAM!


POOR THING! IT'S SO CLEAR YOU'VE BEEN SEXUALLY FRUSTRATED THESE DAYS...
N-NOGUCHI, OF ALL THE THINGS YOU CAN ACCUSE ME OF!

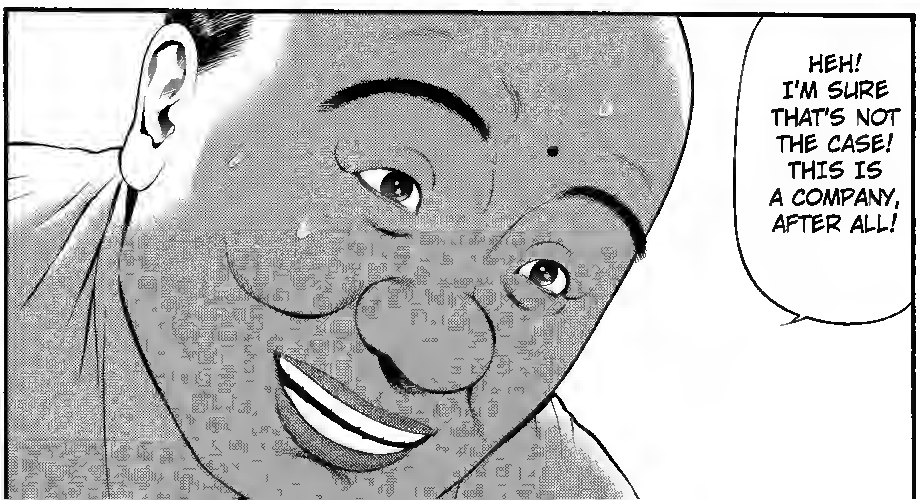
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
NAW... I APOLOGIZE... I REALLY DO! IT'S MY FAULT! I'M SUCH A SCHLEP!
I SIMPLY THINK THAT CHIEF MATSURI IS A MAN OF GREAT INTEGRITY!
バタフ食品
HMM... A MAN OF GREAT INTEGRITY, YOU SAY?

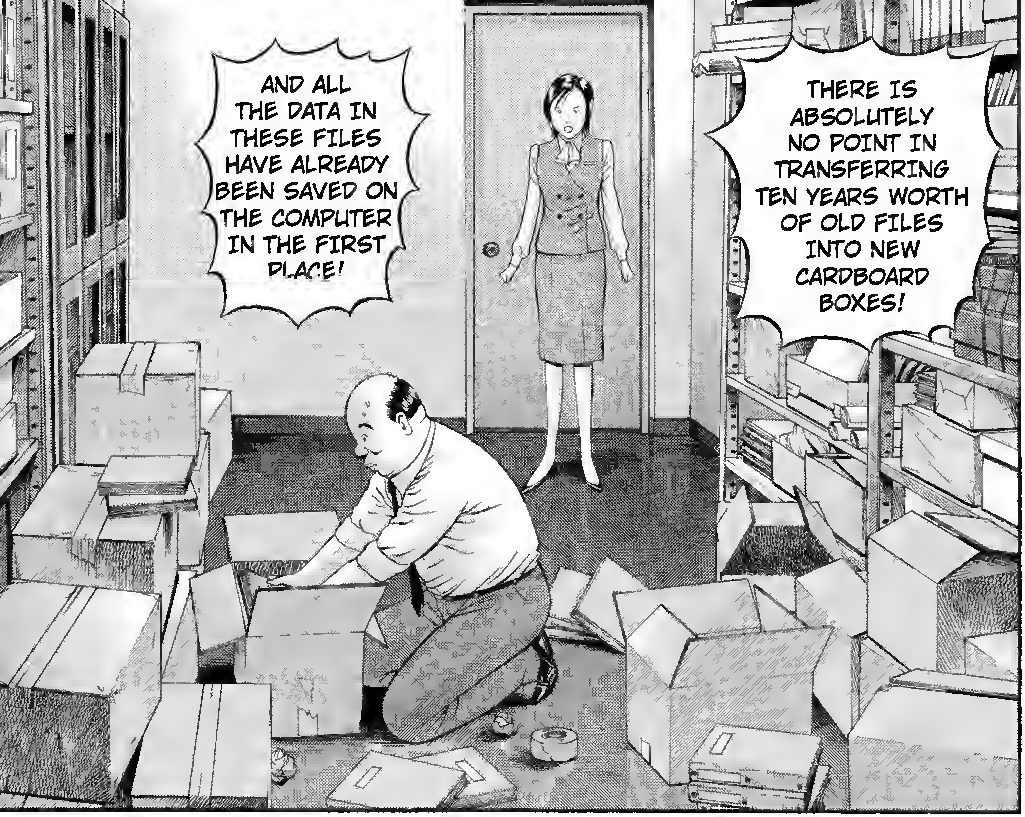

WELL, THEN! CHIEF MATSURI, YOU JUST VOLUNTEERED TO WORK OVERTIME TONIGHT!


I-I'M SORTING OUT THE STORAGE FILES... AGAIN?!
UH... YES, SIR... MR. UMEZAWA...
THE TWELFTH SHINOBI
END

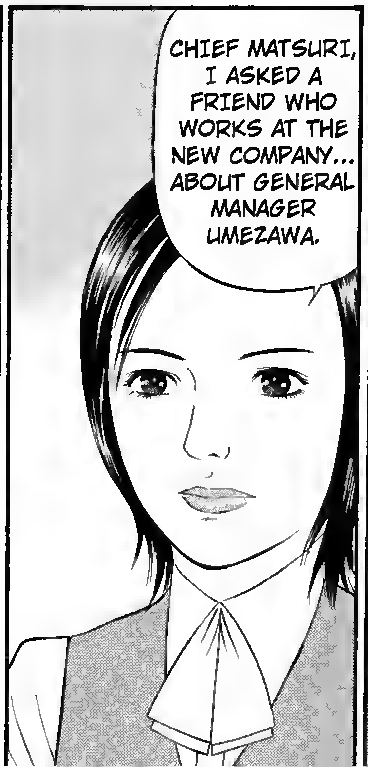
DADDY'S WORKING LATE AGAIN?
HE HAS NO CHOICE UMI... WORK IS WORK
BUT HE'LL BE AT THE SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL!
REALLY?
IN FACT, YOUR DADDY'S STOKED TO SEE IT!
SO YOU JUST PRACTICE HARD, OKAY, UMI?
OKAY!

THE THIRTEENTH SHINOBI:
"ONE HUMILIATION AFTER ANOTHER"
REFERENCE ROOM
THIS IS... CRUEL TREATMENT ON MR. UMEZAWA'S PART!


HEH! I'M SURE THAT'S NOT THE CASE! THIS IS A COMPANY, AFTER ALL!

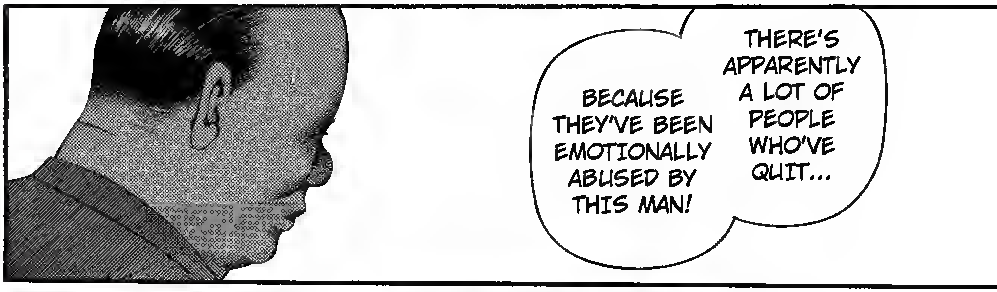

AND ALL THE DATA IN THESE FILES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SAVED ON THE COMPUTER IN THE FIRST PLACE!
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO POINT IN TRANSFERRING TEN YEARS WORTH OF OLD FILES INTO NEW CARDBOARD BOXES!

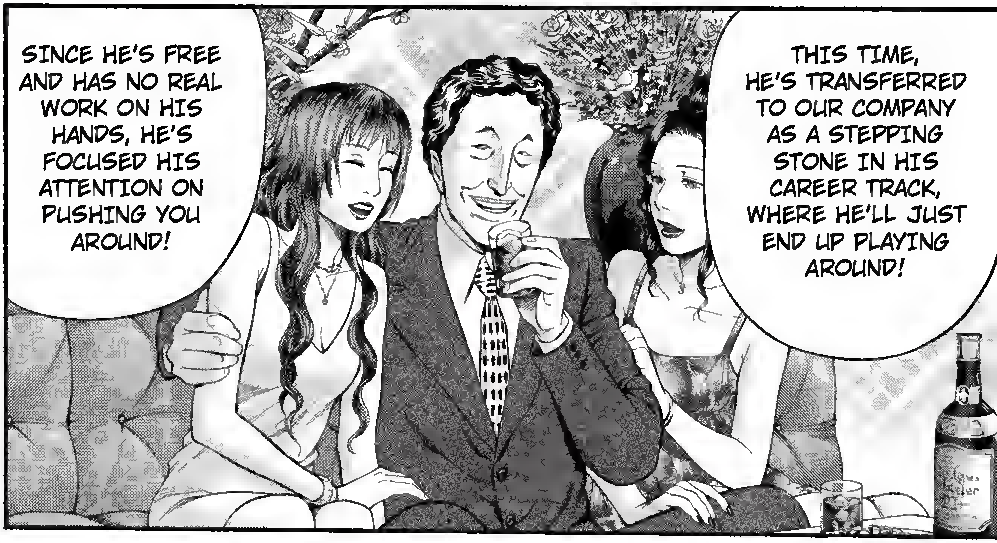
WHAAT?!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING THAT!
NOGUCHI, YOU'RE ASKING FOR TROUBLE BY EARNING PEOPLE'S GRUDGES!


CHIEF MATSURI, I ASKED A FRIEND WHO WORKS AT THE NEW COMPANY... ABOUT GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA.

GROAN! MY BACK...
THEY'RE SO CORRUPT IT'S PATHETIC!
STRETCH
CRACK

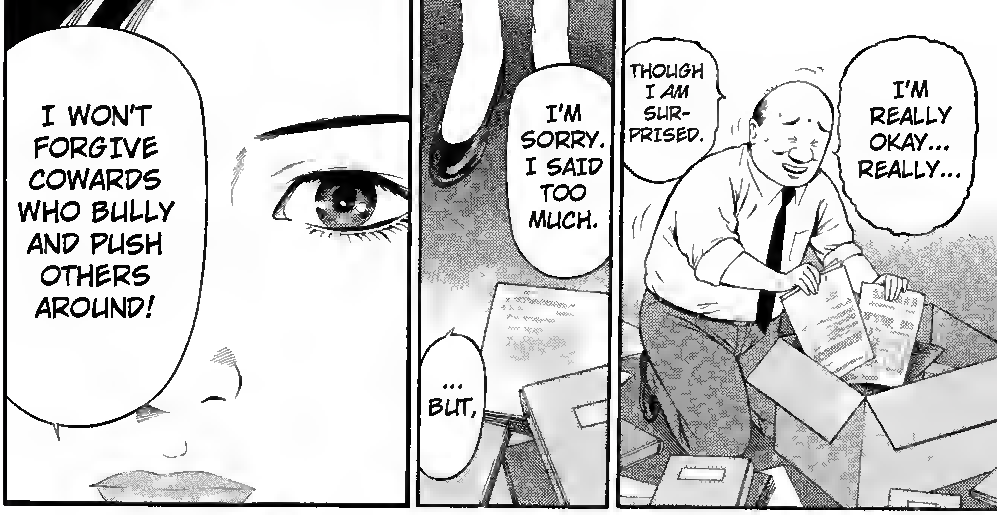
HE'S THE UNDERHANDED TYPE, WHO THOROUGHLY CHASES AFTER THOSE HE DOESN'T LIKE!
BUT HIS REPUTATION IS THE WORST!
MR. UMEZAWA IS CAPABLE, AND HE'S CERTAINLY ON THE PROMOTIONAL TRACK UP.

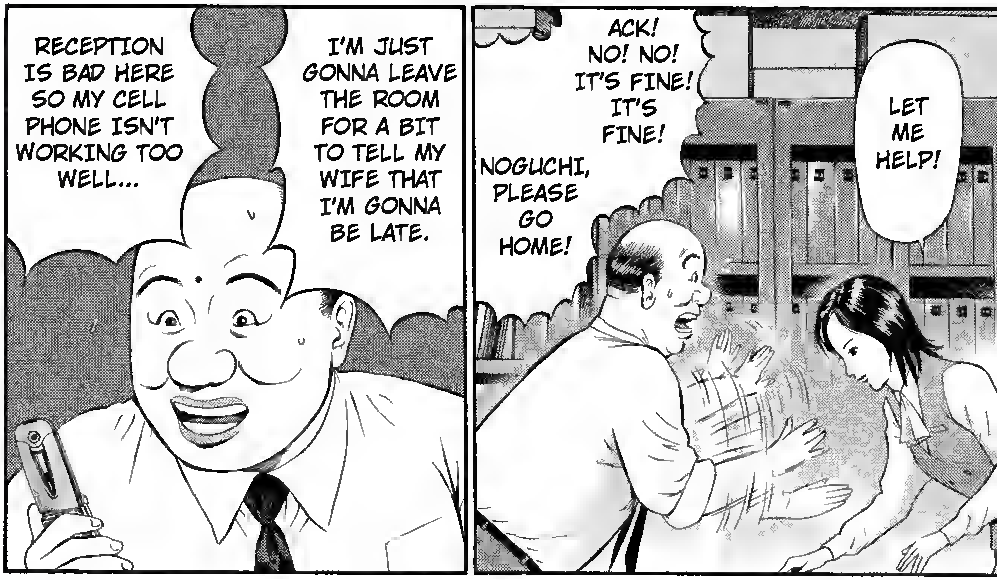

BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN EMOTIONALLY ABUSED BY THIS MAN!
THERE'S APPARENTLY A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO'VE QUIT...

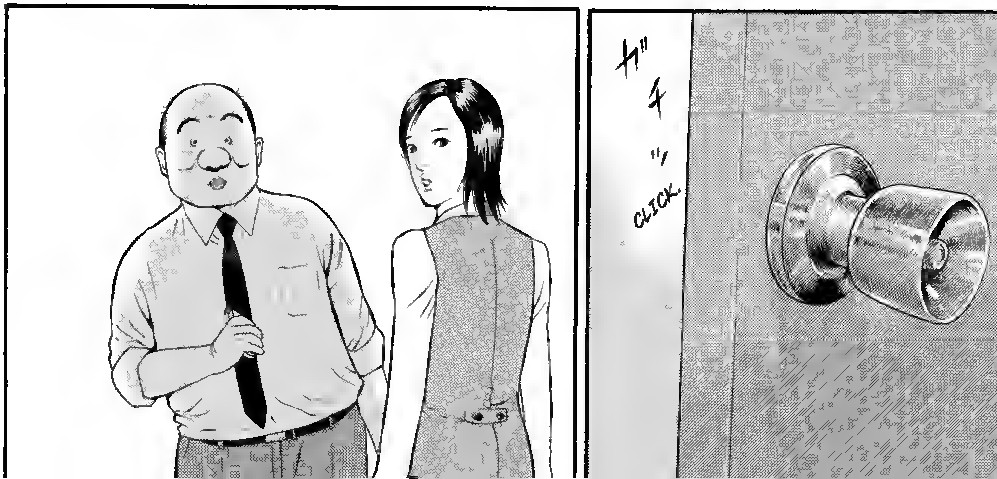

SINCE HE'S FREE AND HAS NO REAL WORK ON HIS HANDS, HE'S FOCUSED HIS ATTENTION ON PUSHING YOU AROUND!
THIS TIME, HE'S TRANSFERRED TO OUR COMPANY AS A STEPPING STONE IN HIS CAREER TRACK, WHERE HE'LL JUST END UP PLAYING AROUND!

BECAUSE HIS FAMILY IS FALLING APART, HE'S TRYING TO MAKE YOUR LIFE UNNECESSARILY MISERABLE!

KNOWING HIS PERSONALITY, I'M NOT SURPRISED!
THE WIFE AND KIDS APPAR-ENTLY RAN AWAY FROM HIM.
HIS FAMILY? FALLING APART ...?
THAT'S... SO SAD...
SNAP OUT OF IT, CHIEF MATSURI!
DOESN'T THIS ANGER YOU ?!
OOF!
TUMBLE!
IF I WAS A MAN, I'D SEND THAT UMEZAWA FLYING!
THEN, I'D THROW MY RESIG-NATION PAPERS AT HIM!!


I'M REALLY OKAY... REALLY...
THOUGH I AM SUR-PRISED.
I'M SORRY. I SAID TOO MUCH.
... BUT,
I WON'T FORGIVE COWARDS WHO BULLY AND PUSH OTHERS AROUND!

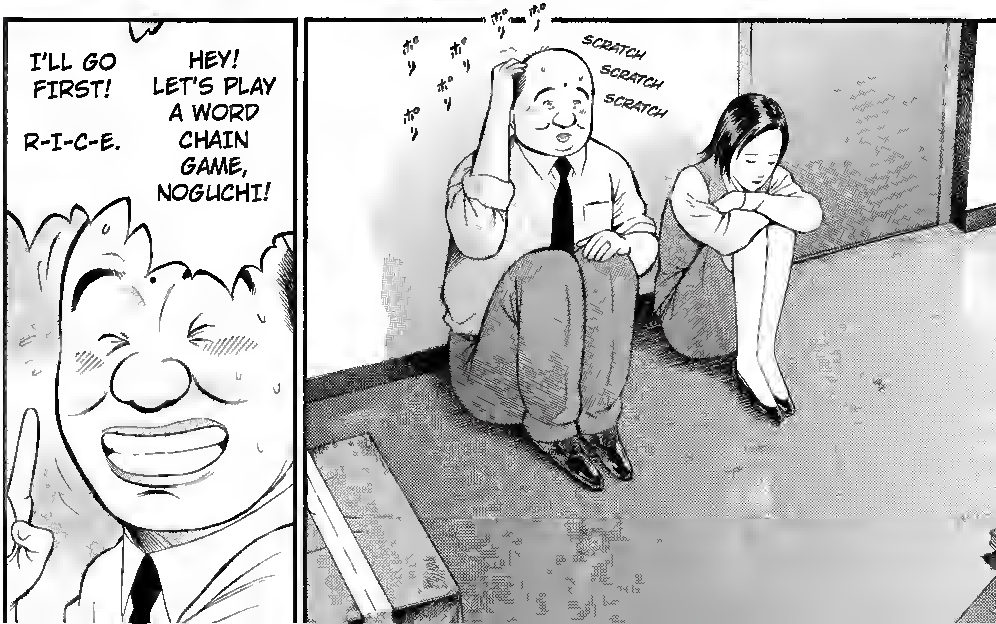

LET ME HELP!
ACK! NO! NO! IT'S FINE! IT'S FINE!
NOGUCHI, PLEASE GO HOME!
I'M JUST GONNA LEAVE THE ROOM FOR A BIT TO TELL MY WIFE THAT I'M GONNA BE LATE.
RECEPTION IS BAD HERE SO MY CELL PHONE ISN'T WORKING TOO WELL...


カチッ
CLICK.

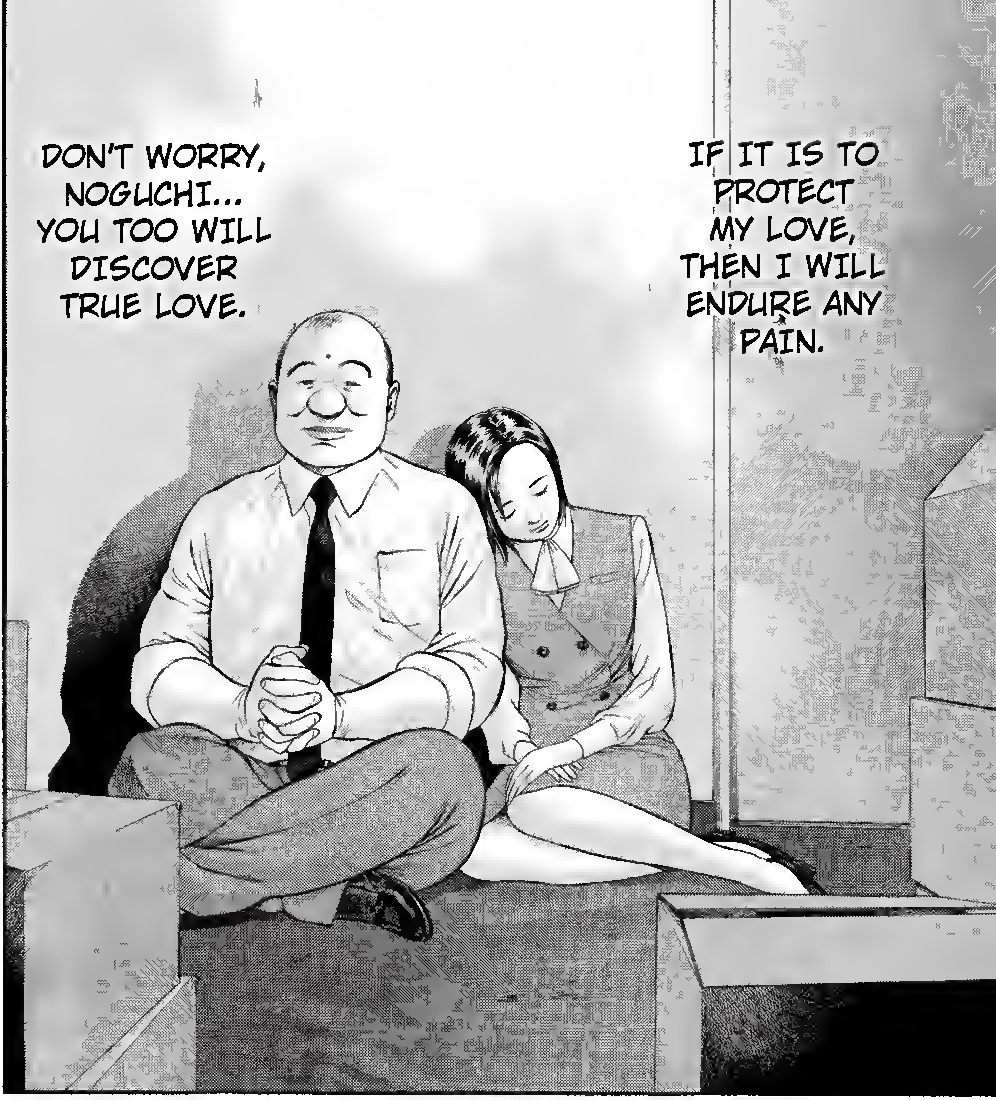
BANG
IT HAS TO BE MR. UMEZAWA!
SOMEONE LOCKED US IN FROM OUTSIDE!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
C-CALM DOWN!
PUTTING ASIDE HIS PERSONALITY, AN ELITE GENERAL MANAGER WOULD NOT DO SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL!
A SECURITY GUARD MUST'VE LOCKED IT BY MISTAKE!
WE'RE LOCKED IN, CHIEF MATSURI!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!
YOU'RE AMAZING, CHIEF MATSURI.
YOU REALLY ARE STRONG...
IF SOMEONE DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO ME... I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ENDURE ANY OF IT!

NAW... I THINK I'M VERY TIMID... AND A WEAKLING..
I WOULDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT BEATING UP A SUPERIOR ...
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT CLING ONTO THE COMPANY ONE HUMILIATION AFTER ANOTHER...

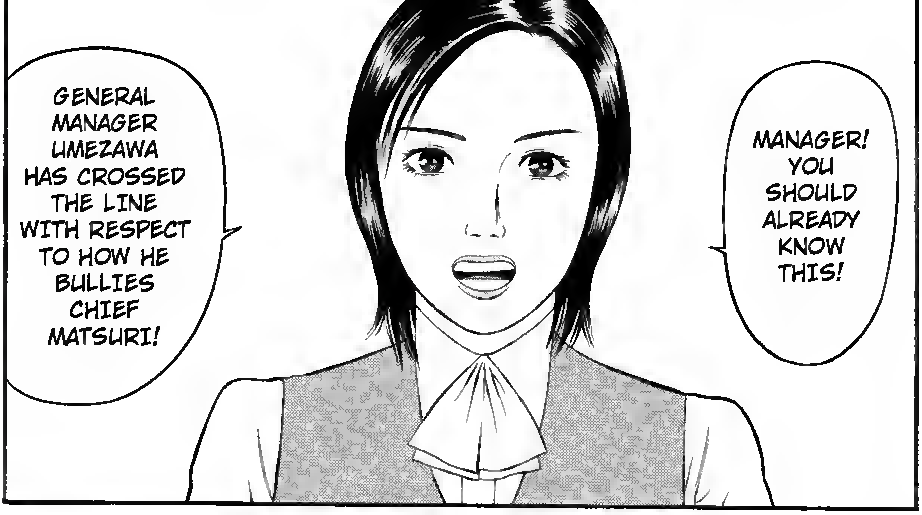
YOU DO IT FOR YOUR FAMILY.
ACTUALLY, YOU'RE RIGHT ON ABOUT THAT!


HEY! LET'S PLAY A WORD CHAIN GAME, NOGUCHI!
I'LL GO FIRST!
R-I-C-E.
SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH

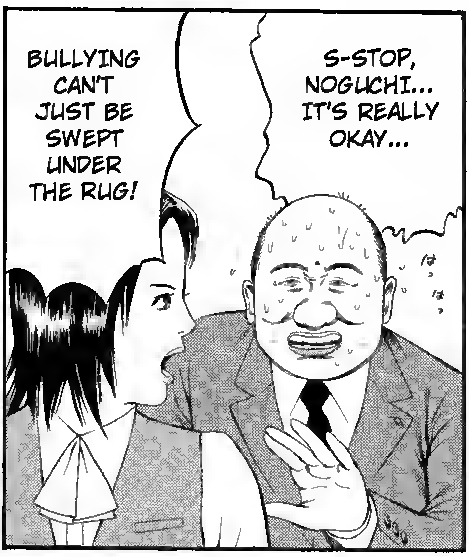
WHY IS SHE TELLING ME ABOUT HER PAST ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...? I HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING!
YOUR WIFE IS VERY LUCKY TO HAVE YOU.
SCRATCH SCRATCH
ERR... UHH... MM...
WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE... A MAN THAT I LIKED... SEXUALLY ABUSED ME.
I DON'T TRUST MEN.
SINCE THEN...
MAY I LAY ON YOUR SHOULDER FOR JUST A LITTLE BIT, CHIEF MATSURI?
HUH ?!
UH.... SURE!
A-ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP...
.....
QUIET BREATHING...
N-... NOGUCHI ...

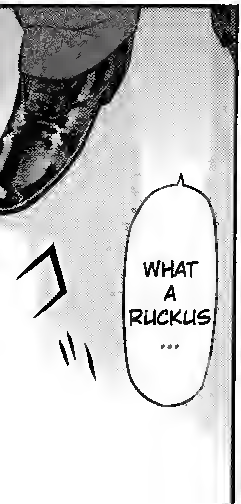

DON'T WORRY, NOGUCHI... YOU TOO WILL DISCOVER TRUE LOVE.
IF IT IS TO PROTECT MY LOVE, THEN I WILL ENDURE ANY PAIN.

THE THIRTEENTH SHINOBI
END
I BETTER ESCAPE FROM HERE SOON AND MAKE MY WAY HOME!
AH, RIGHT....


GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA HAS CROSSED THE LINE WITH RESPECT TO HOW HE BULLIES CHIEF MATSURI!
MANAGER! YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW THIS!

NOW WHERE DID MY NUDE CALENDAR GO?
MANAGER!
THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE...


BULLYING CAN'T JUST BE SWEPT UNDER THE RUG!
S-STOP, NOGUCHI... IT'S REALLY OKAY...


WHAT A RUCKUS ...

MANAGER! DON'T PRETEND YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME!

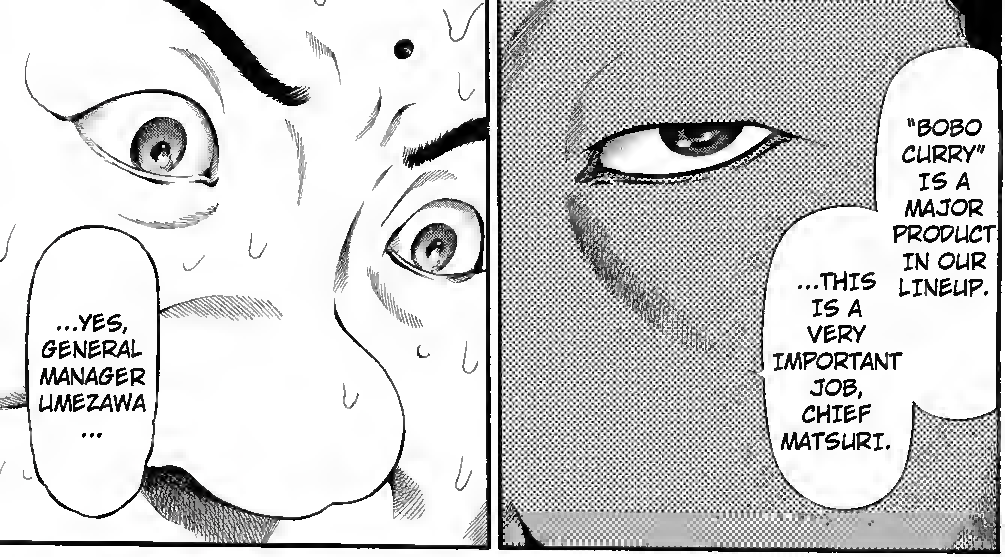
BUT THAT'S WHY MEN ARE AFRAID TO MAKE A PASS AT HER!
NOGUCHI SURE IS TOUGH...
CUTE, THOUGH...

THE FOURTEENTH SHINOBI: "STRENGTH AND POWER"
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

GASP! UH... GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA!!

PLEASE?
SQUEEZE
YIKES! STOP IT, NOGUCHI !!
GENERAL MANAGER, I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU!
HELLOOO, SIRE!
UH.... SORRY FOR BEING NOISY, GENERAL MANAGER!
SHE'S BEEN GIVEN A SOLO PART IN THE SCHOOL CHORUS, SO...
SCRATCH SCRATCH
ACTUALLY, NEXT SUNDAY, MY DAUGHTER HAS HER SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL...
I WOULD BE SO THANKFUL. JUST THIS SUNDAY... PLEASE...
IF YOU MAY BE SO KIND TO EXCUSE ME FROM WORK JUST THIS SUNDAY...
I KNOW THAT THESE DAYS I'VE HAD TO COME INTO WORK ON WEEKENDS, BUT...

WOOHOO!
TH-THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!
THERE ISN'T REALLY ANY PLANS FOR YOU TO WORK THIS SUNDAY...
SUNDAY... SINCE TODAY IS TUESDAY, FIVE DAYS FROM NOW...
TAKE INVENTORY OF ALL THE RETORT-PACKED "BOBO CURRY" PACKAGES IN THE STOREHOUSE AT PRESENT AND GET BACK TO ME.
BY THE WAY, CHIEF MATSURI, TODAY I NEED YOU TO GO TO THE BATAFU FOODS STOREHOUSE NEAR THE BAY...
THAT'S AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK! EVEN WITH FIVE DAYS, IT WON'T BE COMPLETED!
W-WAIT, GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA!
BECAUSE TYPING ERRORS CAN BE MADE ON THE COMPUTER, PLEASE DO IT BY HAND...


...YES, GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA ...
...THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT JOB, CHIEF MATSURI.
"BOBO CURRY" IS A MAJOR PRODUCT IN OUR LINEUP.

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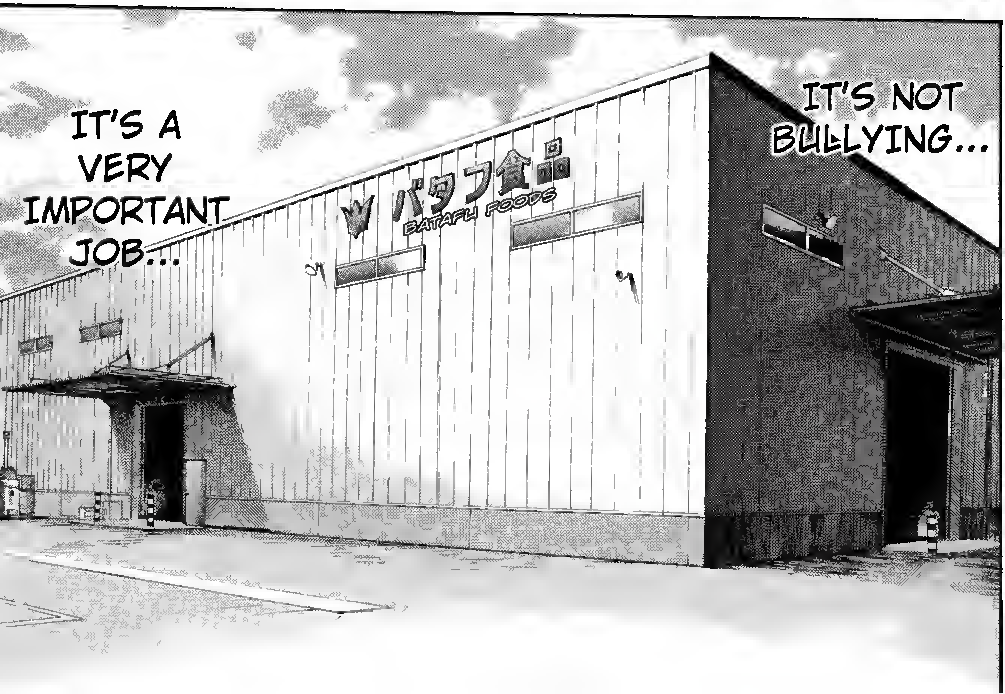
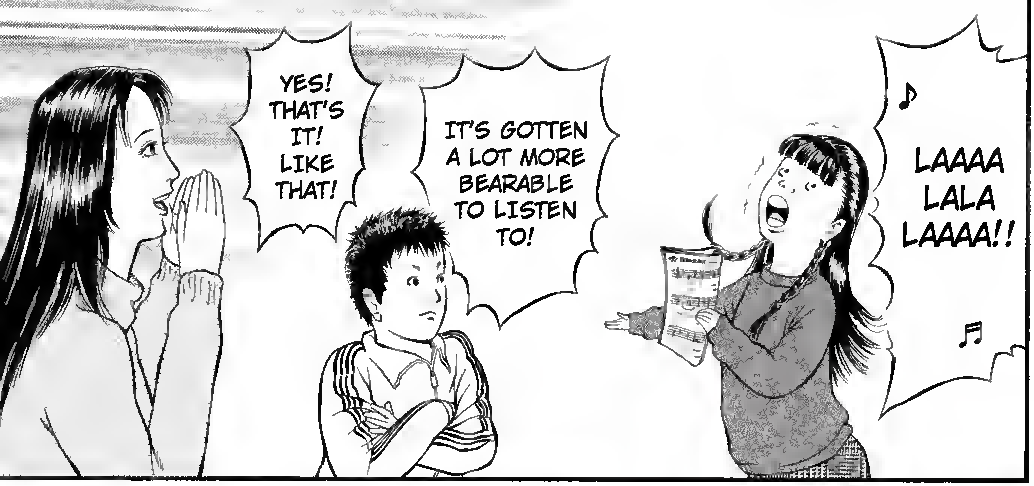

IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT JOB...
バタフ食品
BATAFU FOODS
IT'S NOT BULLYING...

RE-COUNTING ALL THE INVENTORY...
ORGANIZING THE ENTIRE STOREHOUSE...

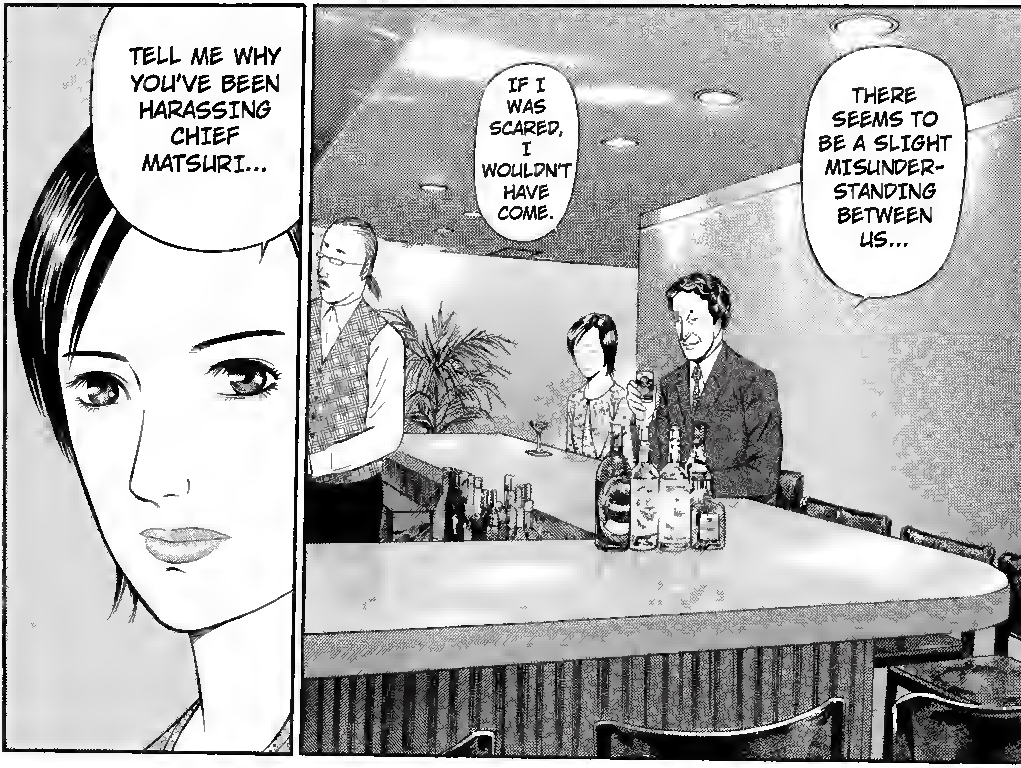
DADDY'S GONNA USE ALL THE STRENGTH HE HAS TO MAKE IT TO YOUR SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL!!!
DON'T YOU WORRY, LIMI...


YES! THAT'S IT! LIKE THAT!
IT'S GOTTEN A LOT MORE BEARABLE TO LISTEN TO!
♪
LAAAA LALA LAAAA!!
♬

DASH!

MARK 4
MARK 3
MARK 2
MARK 1
AHHHHH!
1

BAR
はなまる
1F
ARE YOU SCARED OF BEING WITH ME?


TELL ME WHY YOU'VE BEEN HARASSING CHIEF MATSURI...
IF I WAS SCARED, I WOULDN'T HAVE COME.
THERE SEEMS TO BE A SLIGHT MISUNDER-STANDING BETWEEN US...

I AM FREE TO TREAT THE COMPANY'S DOMESTIC ANIMAL HOWEVER I LIKE.
CLINK
BUT THAT USELESS MAN... IS TAKEN CARE OF BY THE COMPANY LIKE SOME DOMESTIC ANIMAL.
I HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO BE AN ASSET TO THE COMPANY...

OR RATHER, DO YOU THINK HE HAS ANY REDEEMING QUALITIES BESIDES BEING SOFT?
DO YOU FEEL BAD SINCE HE'S GROWING BALD?
TO HARASS SOMEONE FOR A REASON LIKE THAT!
DOMESTIC ANIMAL?!
HOW AWFUL!
SLAM!
IF YOU LET ME HOLD YOU ONCE... I MIGHT STOP BOTHERING HIM, YOU KNOW?
I KID, I KID... I HAVE NO INTEREST IN GRADUATES FROM THIRD-RATE COLLEGES WHO WEAR STRAWBERRY PANTIES...
I LIKE MY WOMEN HIGHLY CAPABLE, COMPLETE PACKAGES, TOO.
SHAKE SHAKE
HUH?! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO GET AT?

POW!
OHOHOHO! OHOHOHO!
OHOHOHO! THAT'S THE FIRST TIME A WOMAN'S EVER HIT ME!

I HIT A SUPERIOR, GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA.
ARE YOU GONNA HARASS ME, TOO, NOW?
OR ARE YOU GONNA FIRE ME?
AH, THAT'S NICE! YOU'RE REAL STIMULATING!
YOU'RE NOT SO BAD, AFTER ALL...
もみ RUB
もみ RUB
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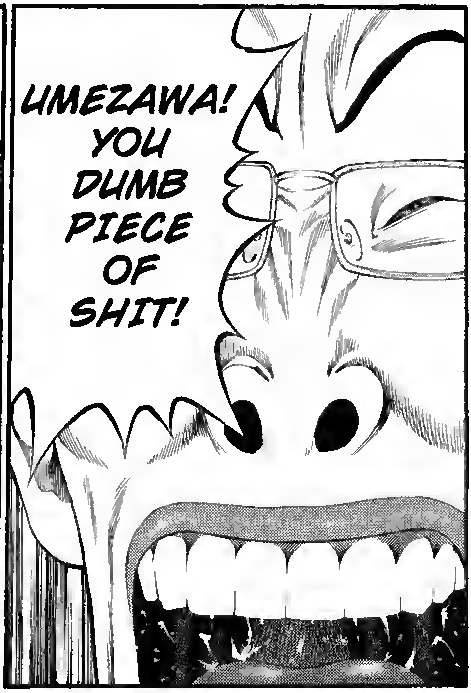
もみ RUB
IT'S STRESSFUL DEALING WITH A BUNCH OF LOW-LEVEL SUBORDINATES EVERY DAY.
I'M FINALLY HAVING SOME FUN!
もみ RUB
もみ RUB
I... I'M LEAVING!
もみ RUB
もみ RUB
HOHOHO! PLEASE! GO AHEAD!
SEE YOU TOMORROW AT THE COMPANY!

UMI! DADDY'S GONNA COME THROUGH !!!
RUMBLE
THE FOURTEENTH SHINOBI
END

SIMPLY BECAUSE... I HAVE THE POWER TO...
OHOHOHO! I'M FREE TO TREAT WHOEVER I WANT HOWEVER I WANT!

DAMMIT!
WHY... DOES HE HAVE TO ORDER ME AROUND LIKE A DOG, TOO?!
GRUMBLE
HE'S ONLY TEMPORARILY AT OUR COMPANY FOR TWO YEARS.
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
I DON'T CARE IF HE IS SOME ELITE ON THE FAST TRACK...

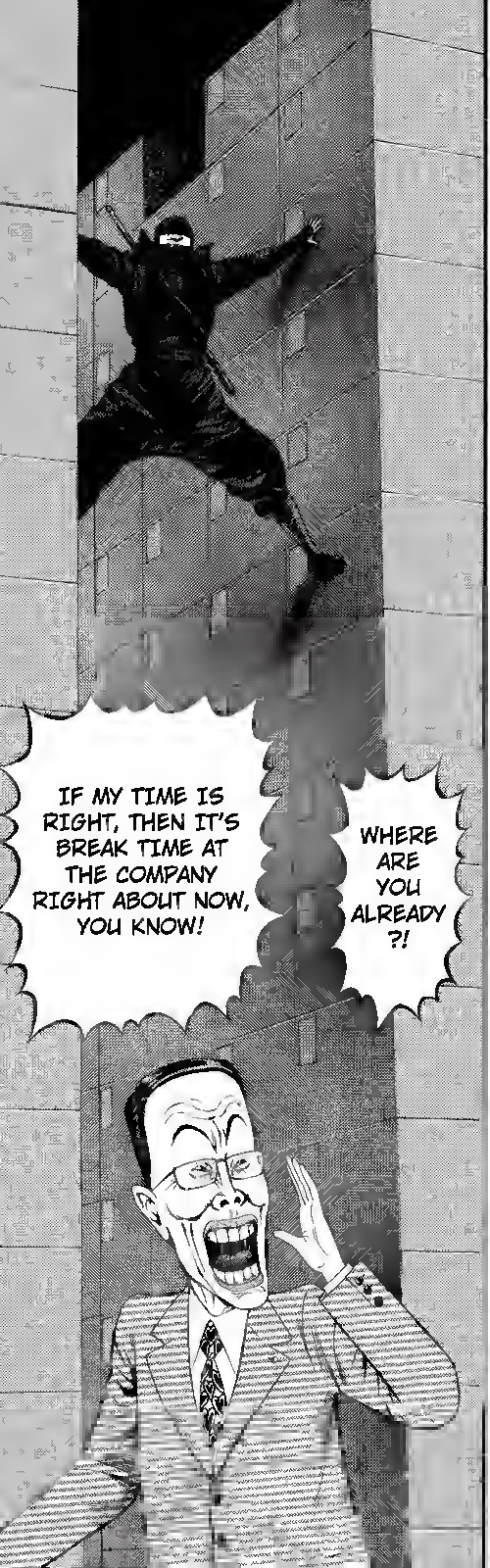
GASP!
LOOK AROUND
LOOK AROUND

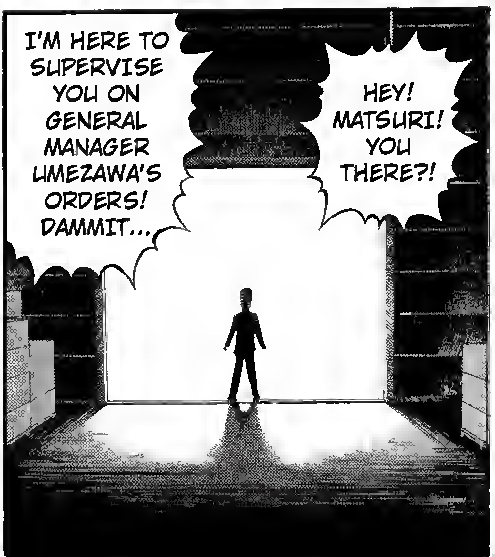

UMEZAWA! YOU DUMB PIECE OF SHIT!

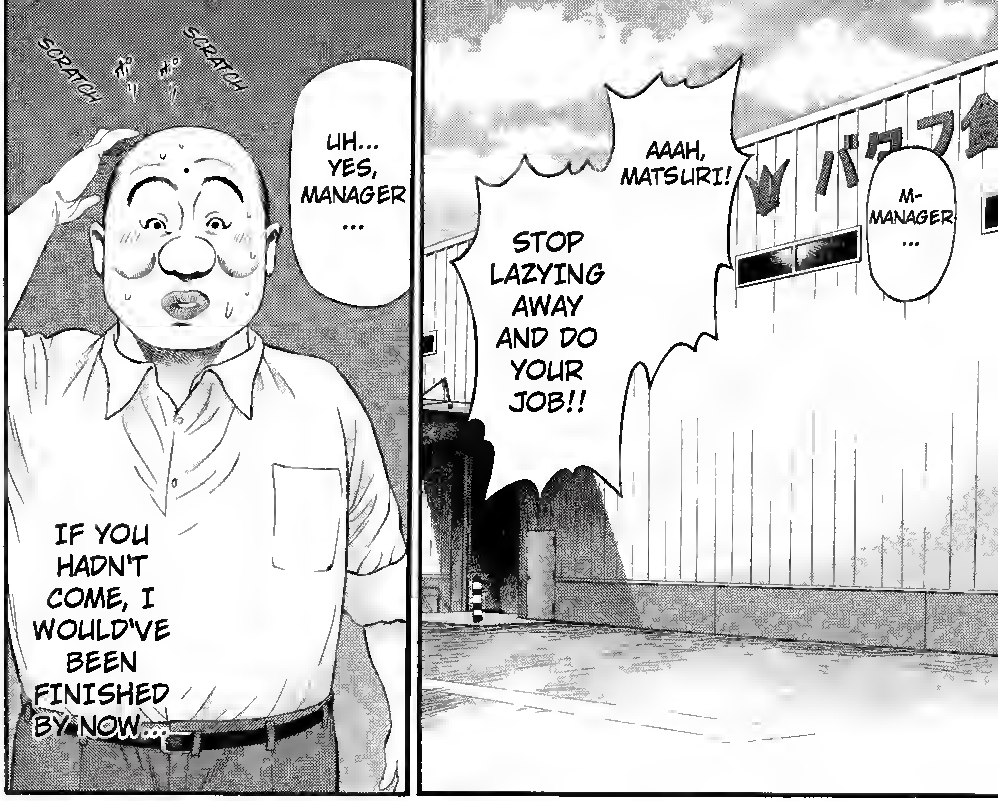
HE'S SO SLOW.
STILL, I COULD SEE WHY HE'D WANT TO PUSH AROUND THAT DENSE BALDY.

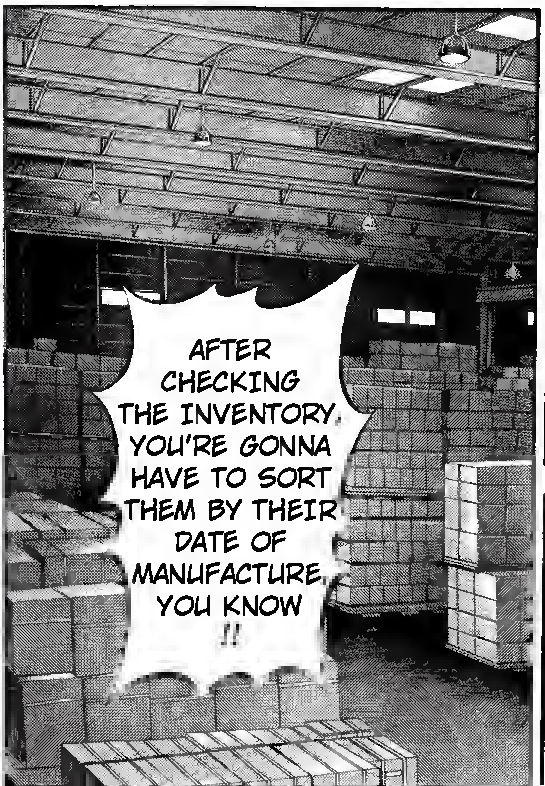
PHEW!

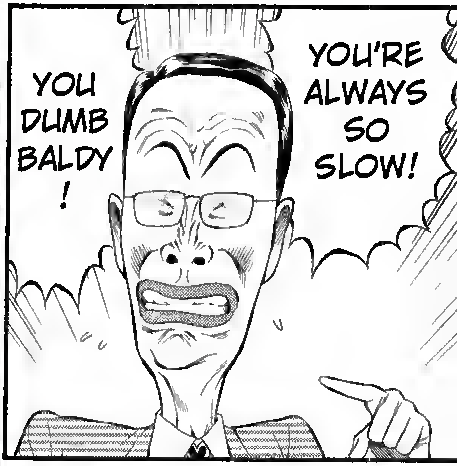
CHECK! CHECK!
TOTAL QUANTITY SO FAR...
25,000!!
THE FIFTEENTH SHINOBI:
"SUBMISSION, SUBMISSION, RAGE"


IF MY TIME IS RIGHT, THEN IT'S BREAK TIME AT THE COMPANY RIGHT ABOUT NOW, YOU KNOW!
WHERE ARE YOU ALREADY ?!


I'M HERE TO SUPERVISE YOU ON GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA'S ORDERS! DAMMIT...
HEY! MATSURI! YOU THERE?!


SCRATCH
SCRATCH
UH... YES, MANAGER ...
IF YOU HADN'T COME, I WOULD'VE BEEN FINISHED BY NOW...
AAAH, MATSURI!
M-MANAGER ...
STOP LAZYING AWAY AND DO YOUR JOB!!

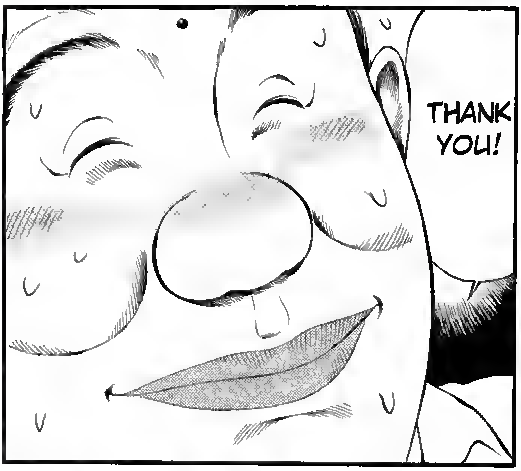

AFTER CHECKING THE INVENTORY, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO SORT THEM BY THEIR DATE OF MANUFACTURE, YOU KNOW !!


YOU DUMB BALDY !
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO SLOW!

HEH HEH... SORRY ...

OOH! NO WAY! ♡
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
WHAT THE HELL IS A COMPANY?
WHAT THE HELL IS WORK?!
PANT
... OR A BOSS?!
PANT

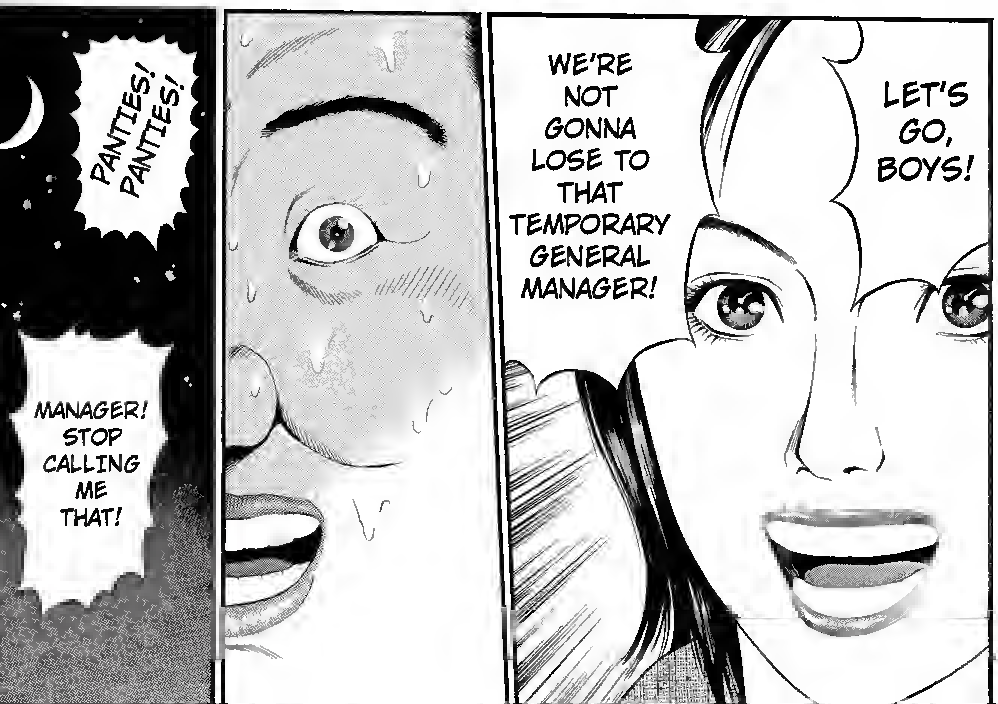
M-
MANAGER
!!
GRUNT!
HUH?!

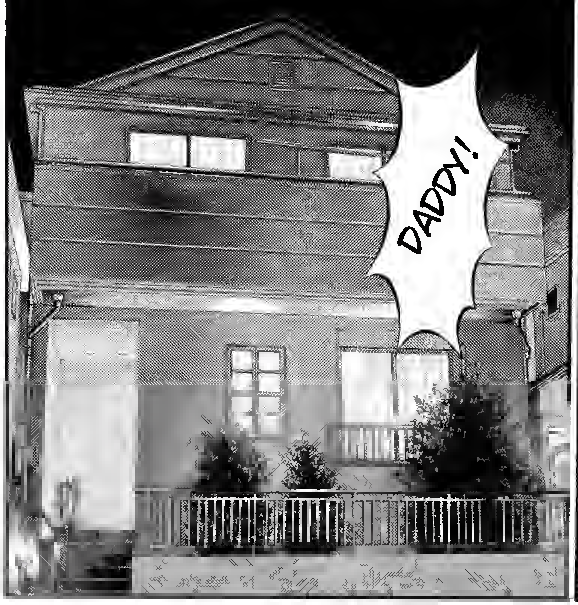

THANK
YOU!

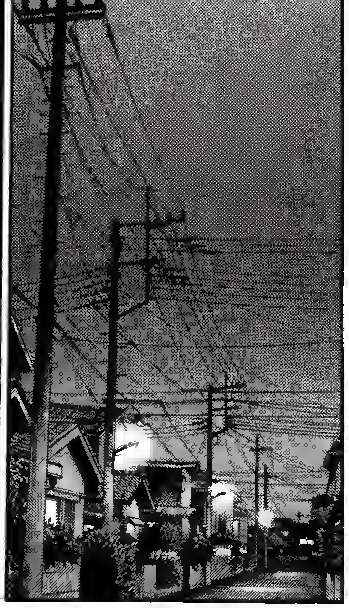
I'M NOT
DOING
THIS
FOR
YOU!!
IT'S BECAUSE
I HAVE TO
SUPERVISE
YOU IN
OVERTIME IF
THIS DOESN'T
GET DONE!
YOU
IDIOT!
DICK
HEAD!

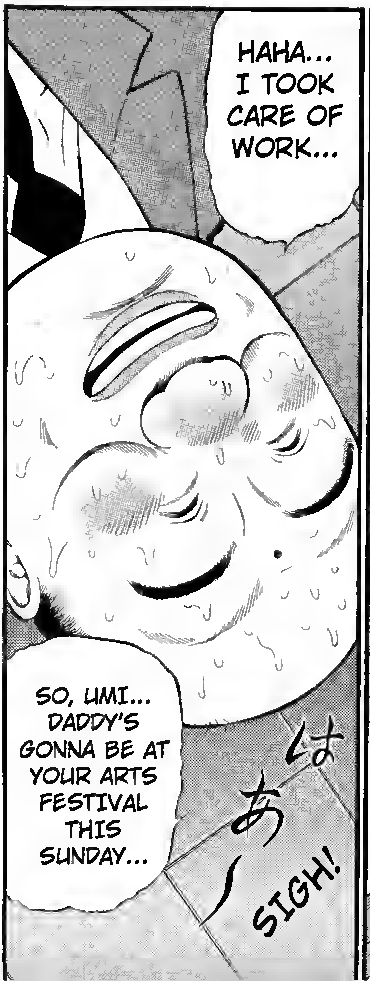
YOU'RE
NOT SO
BAD,
MANAGER.
HUH!

YESSSS! PINK PANTIES!
N-NOGU-CHI!
I'M ALSO HERE TO HELP!
CAME RIGHT AFTER WORK!
I ALSO BROUGHT SNEAKERS AND SOME DRINKS WITH ME!

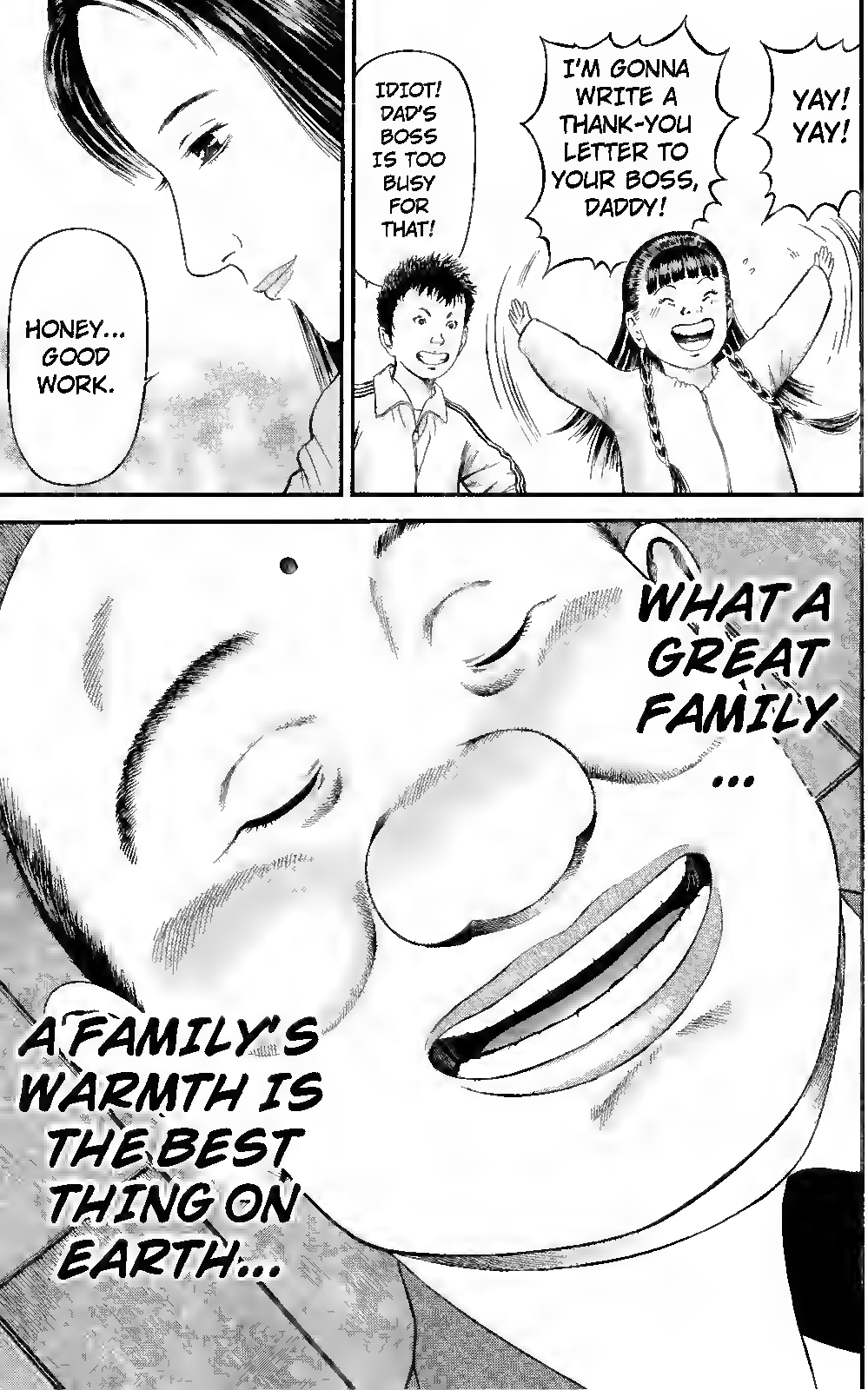

PANTIES! PANTIES!
MANAGER! STOP CALLING ME THAT!
WE'RE NOT GONNA LOSE TO THAT TEMPORARY GENERAL MANAGER!
LET'S GO, BOYS!


DADDY!




HAHA... I TOOK CARE OF WORK...
SO, UMI... DADDY'S GONNA BE AT YOUR ARTS FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY...
SIGH!

HE DEAD?
SHOULD I THROW WATER ON HIM?!
HONEY!


HONEY... GOOD WORK.
IDIOT! DAD'S BOSS IS TOO BUSY FOR THAT!
I'M GONNA WRITE A THANK-YOU LETTER TO YOUR BOSS, DADDY!
YAY! YAY!
WHAT A GREAT FAMILY ...
A FAMILY'S WARMTH IS THE BEST THING ON EARTH...

ハラフ食品
ハラフ食品

SMILE
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THANKS TO YOU, I'LL BE ABLE TO GO TO MY DAUGHTER'S ARTS FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY!
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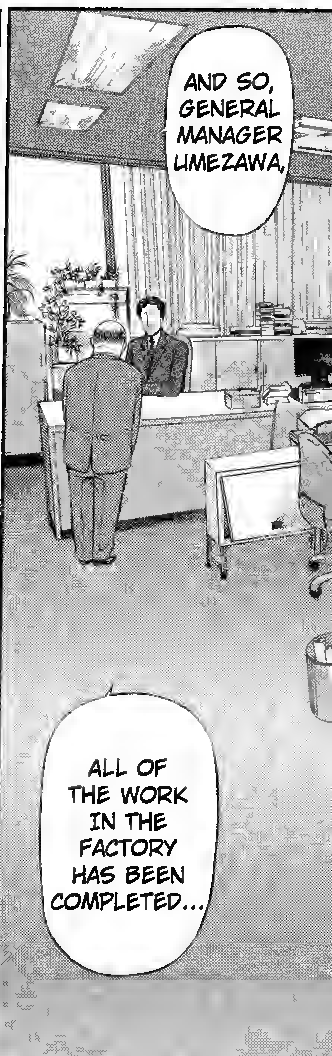
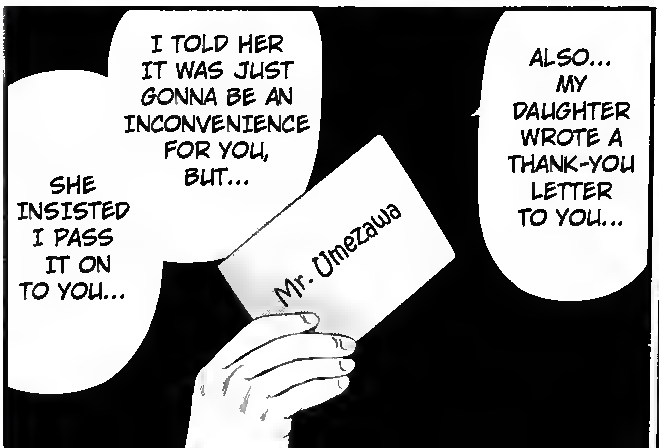
SMILE

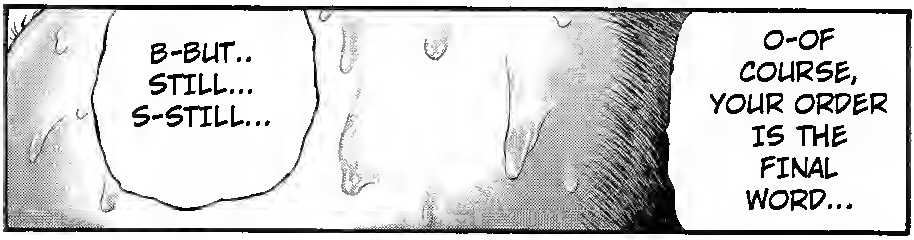
MM... WELL DONE.

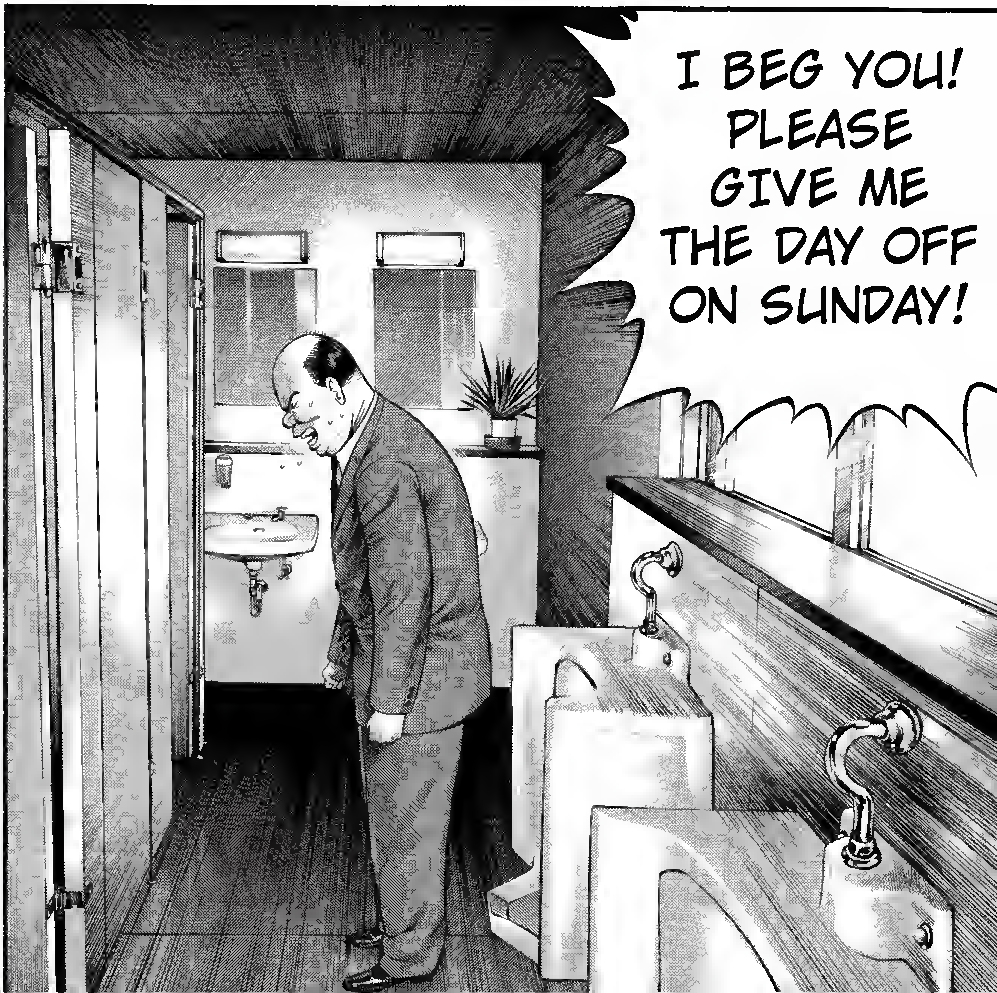

AND SO, GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA,
ALL OF THE WORK IN THE FACTORY HAS BEEN COMPLETED...


I TOLD HER IT WAS JUST GONNA BE AN INCONVENIENCE FOR YOU, BUT...
SHE INSISTED I PASS IT ON TO YOU...
Mr. Umezawa
ALSO... MY DAUGHTER WROTE A THANK-YOU LETTER TO YOU...

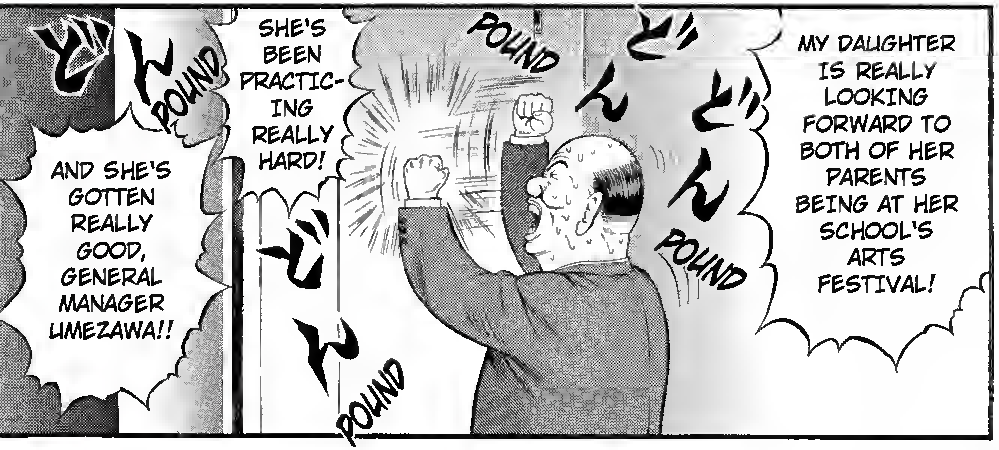
PLEASE GLANCE OVER IT IF YOU EVER HAVE THE TIME...
HEH HEH... IT'S PROBABLY JUST A LOT OF CHILDISH NONSENSE, BUT...
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME IN TO WORK ON SUNDAY, OF COURSE.
NEXT... I'D LIKE YOU TO GO AND DO FACTORY NO. 2 OUT IN TAMA.
PLEASE GO AT ONCE...
DID YOU NOT HEAR ME, CHIEF MATSURI?

G-GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA... I AM A COMPANY EMPLOYEE...
WHILE I MAY NOT BE ONE OF THE MOST ENERGETIC WORKERS...
STILL... I WORK MY HARDEST TO EARN MY SALARY.


O-OF COURSE, YOUR ORDER IS THE FINAL WORD...
B-BUT.. STILL... S-STILL...


I BEG YOU! PLEASE GIVE ME THE DAY OFF ON SUNDAY!

PLEASE...
GENERAL MANAGER...
I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT THAT DEMANDING A JOB...
IF YOU EXCUSE ME JUST THIS ONE, I'LL TAKE ON ANY TOUGH JOB YOU ASK ME TO DO!


AND SHE'S GOTTEN REALLY GOOD, GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA!!
どん POUND
SHE'S BEEN PRACTIC-ING REALLY HARD!
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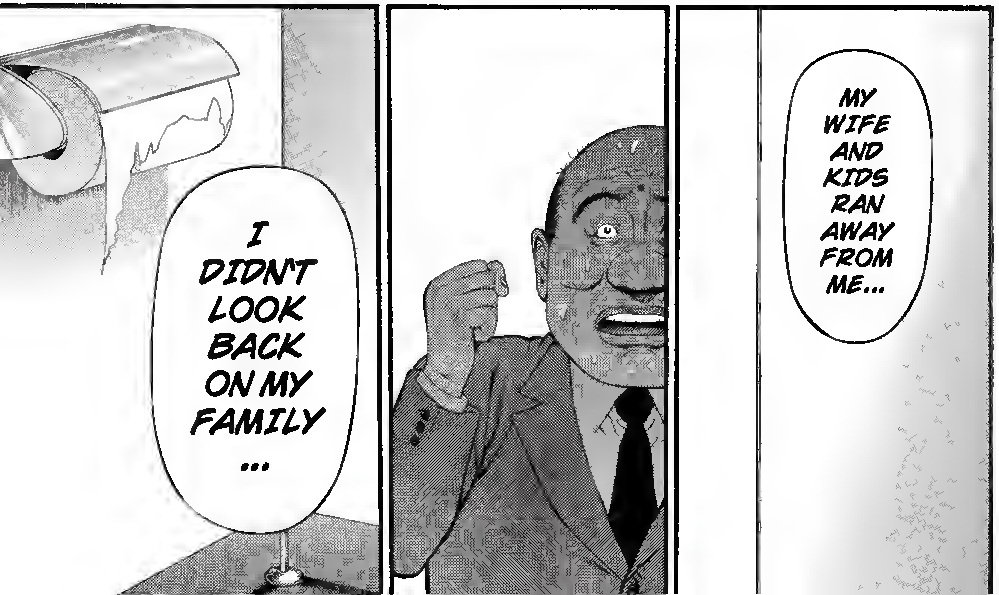
MY DAUGHTER IS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO BOTH OF HER PARENTS BEING AT HER SCHOOL'S ARTS FESTIVAL!


I DIDN'T LOOK BACK ON MY FAMILY ...
MY WIFE AND KIDS RAN AWAY FROM ME...

IN TRUTH... ALL MEN WANT TO HOLD WOMEN IN THEIR ARMS...
OR DRINK ALCOHOL WHENEVER THEY'D LIKE...
THERE IS NOTHING MORE WORTH DOING THAN IMPROVING YOUR LIFE BY DOING THE JOB THAT YOU WANT TO DO...
HOWEVER, I HAVE NO REGRETS...
"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS FAMILY"?!
THAT IS THE ULTIMATE EXCUSE OF AN INCOMPETENT MAN!
THAT KIND OF MAN IS WORTHLESS!!
GO AND DIE!!
NOW GET YOUR ASS TO THE STORE-HOUSE!
MEN LIKE YOU ARE WHAT'S DESTROYING SOCIETY TODAY!!

YES... GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA.
I KNOW THAT THIS IS HOW A COMPANY WORKS...
THE HIGHER RANKED PERSON IS SUPERIOR.
SO I WILL ENDURE THIS...
IT'S NOT BULLYING ...

THANK YOU FOR LETTING MY DADDY GO AND SEE MY SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY.
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY DADDY...
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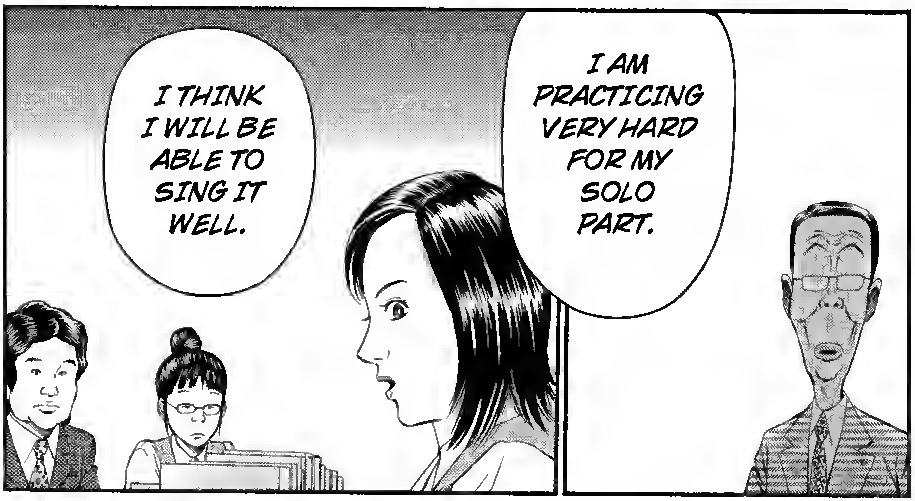
Dear Mr. Umezawa,
Thank you for taking care of my daddy!..

I HAVE A PART IN THE SCHOOL CHORUS.
I AM SO THANK-FUL!


I THINK I WILL BE ABLE TO SING IT WELL.
I AM PRACTICING VERY HARD FOR MY SOLO PART.

IF YOU CAN, PLEASE COME AND SEE ME TOO, MR. UMEZAWA.

GOOD BYE.
INVITATION
for Mr. Umezawa.
This Sunday at
Shirokuro Elementary School Gym
MY BROTHER, SORA, DREW THIS INVITATION. IT IS A PICTURE OF OUR FAMILY.

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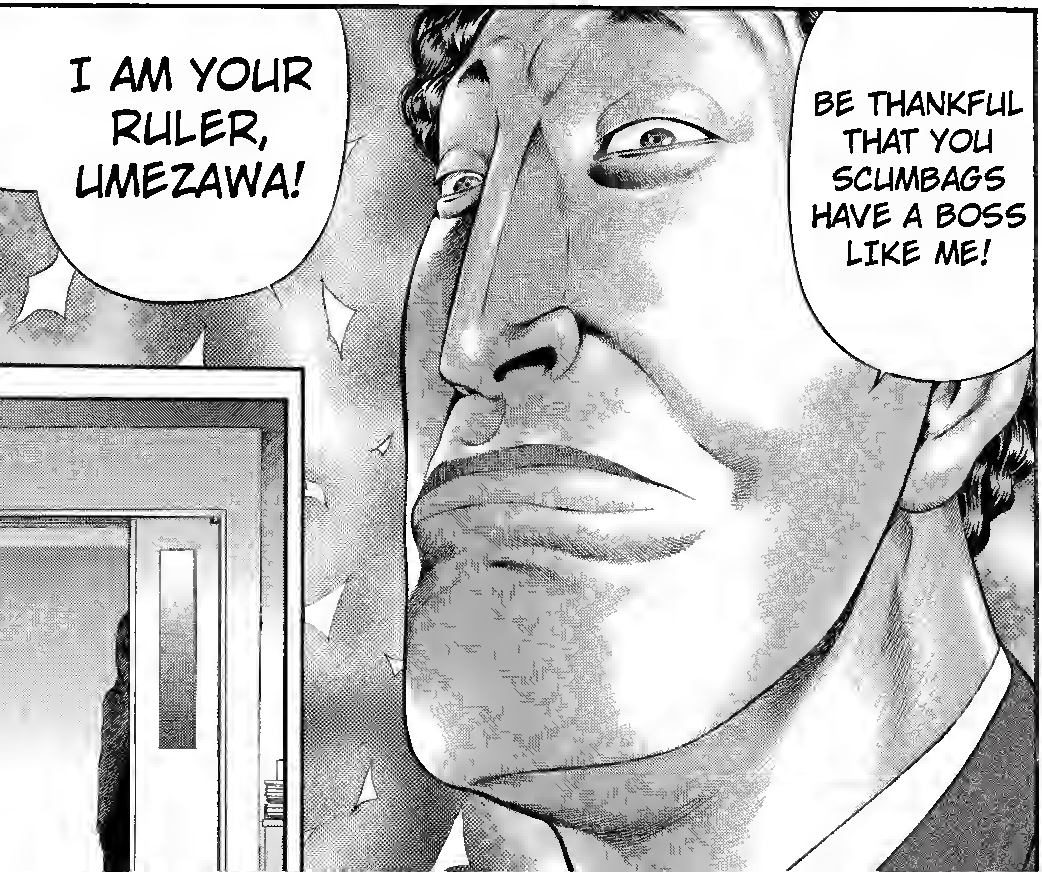
I HAVEN'T FELT THIS WAY IN A LONG TIME...
...I AM MOVED AFTER READING THIS LETTER.

AND A LUKEWARM PLACE BRINGS TOGETHER A BUNCH OF LUKEWARM PEOPLE...
IF YOU ASK ME, THIS PLACE IS A LUKEWARM PLACE.
FROM THE COMPANY'S POINT OF VIEW, ONE CAN EVEN CALL THIS A UNIT THAT'S LAGGING BEHIND...
THE CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T BRING IN A SINGLE YEN...

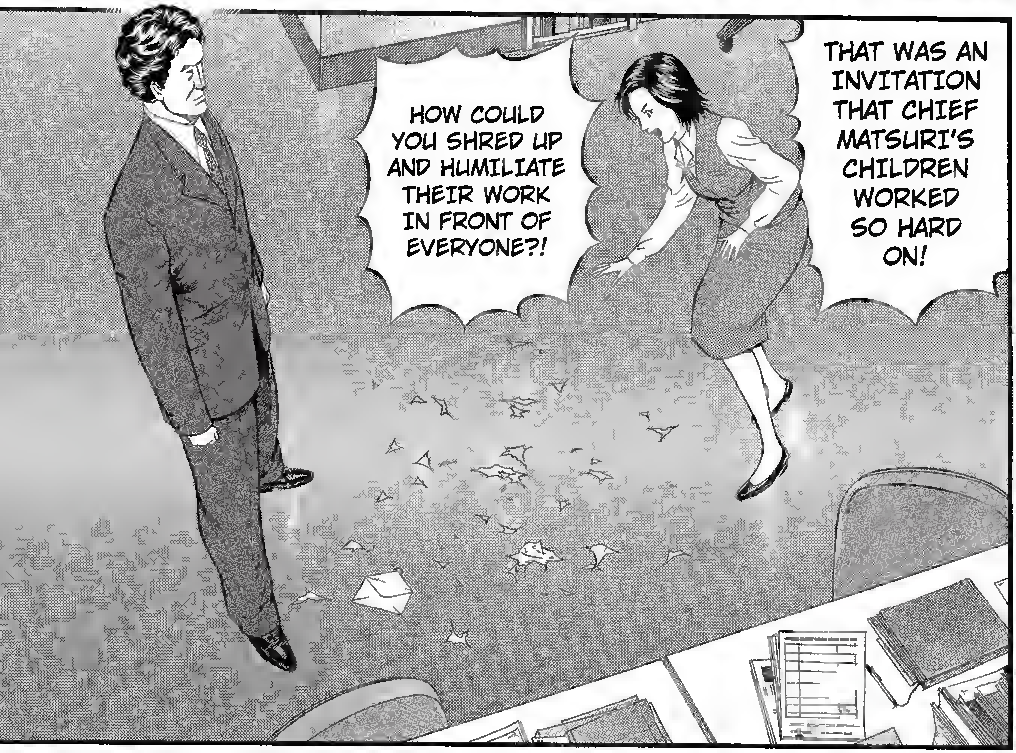
RIP!
RIP!
RIP!
RIP!
AND THIS LETTER PROVES IT!!!
IT DISGUSTS ME!!!
AH!

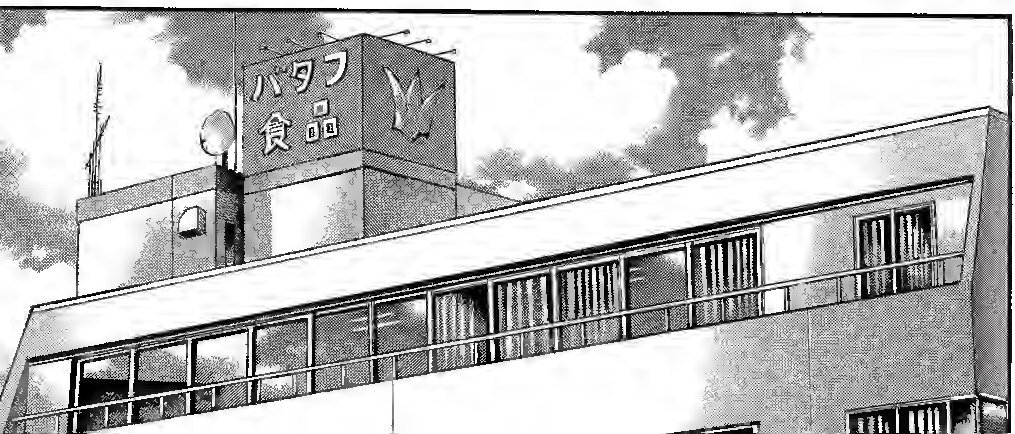
KYAAA! AHHH!
KA-SHA!
HEH... PERHAPS YOU COULD GO A BIT EASIER ON HIM...
UH... G-G-GENERAL MANAGER...
WE SHOULD AT LEAST BE CONSIDERATE OF THAT SLUGGARD'S FAMILY...
BANG!


I AM YOUR RULER, UMEZAWA!
BE THANKFUL THAT YOU SCUMBAGS HAVE A BOSS LIKE ME!

LOVE CANNOT REACH YOU...
THE FIFTEENTH SHINOBI
END

HOW CRUEL ...
H-


HOW COULD YOU SHRED UP AND HUMILIATE THEIR WORK IN FRONT OF EVERYONE?!
THAT WAS AN INVITATION THAT CHIEF MATSURI'S CHILDREN WORKED SO HARD ON!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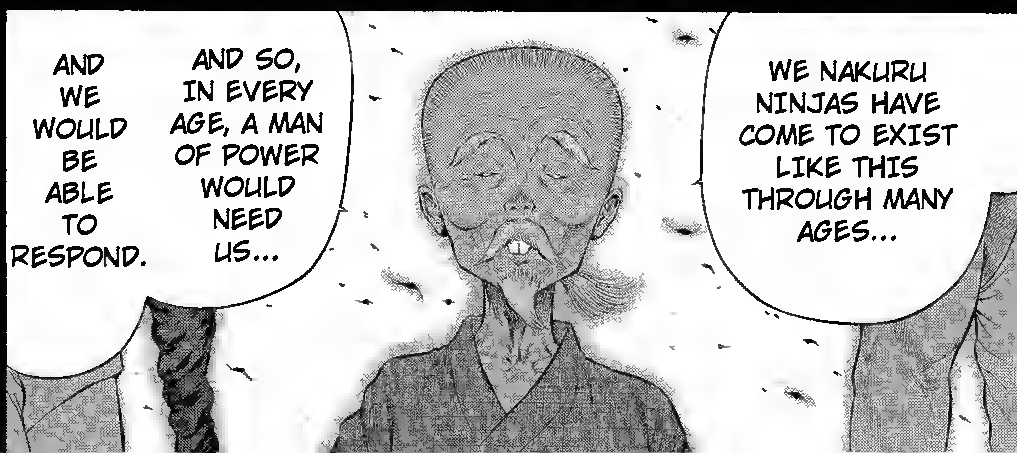
KILL HIM...

THE SIXTEENTH SHINOBI: "RAGE, RAGE, FURY, FURY"

HMPH!

I NOW UNDERSTAND WHY YOUR WIFE AND CHILD RAN AWAY FROM YOU...
GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA, DO YOU NOT HAVE NORMAL HUMAN EMOTIONS?!
DON'T ASK ME.
HE COULD'VE JUST HELD ONTO IT... I MEAN, IT'S A LETTER FROM CHIEF MATSURI'S KIDS!
OH NO... NOGUCHI AND THE OTHERS HAVE RUN WILD...
OUCH! OUCH! OUCH!
GRIP
KILL HIM...
I'LL KILL HIM.

FWUUUSH!
ONLY THE STRONG WILL SURVIVE ...
THAT GENE WILL FURTHER BE CARRIED DOWN TO THE NEXT GENERATION.
A MAN WITHOUT AN EMOTION-LESS HEART CANNOT SURVIVE...


AND SO, IN EVERY AGE, A MAN OF POWER WOULD NEED US...
AND WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND.
WE NAKURU NINJAS HAVE COME TO EXIST LIKE THIS THROUGH MANY AGES...

CLANG!
WHOOSH!
GRUNT!!
HYA!
PANT!
BROTHER...
FWUUUUSH!

AH!!
YOU CAN DIE IN PEACE, NOBUO, BROTHER!!
FOR I WILL CARRY ON THE MATSURI GENE!!
AS THE LAW SAYS!!
BAHAHA!!
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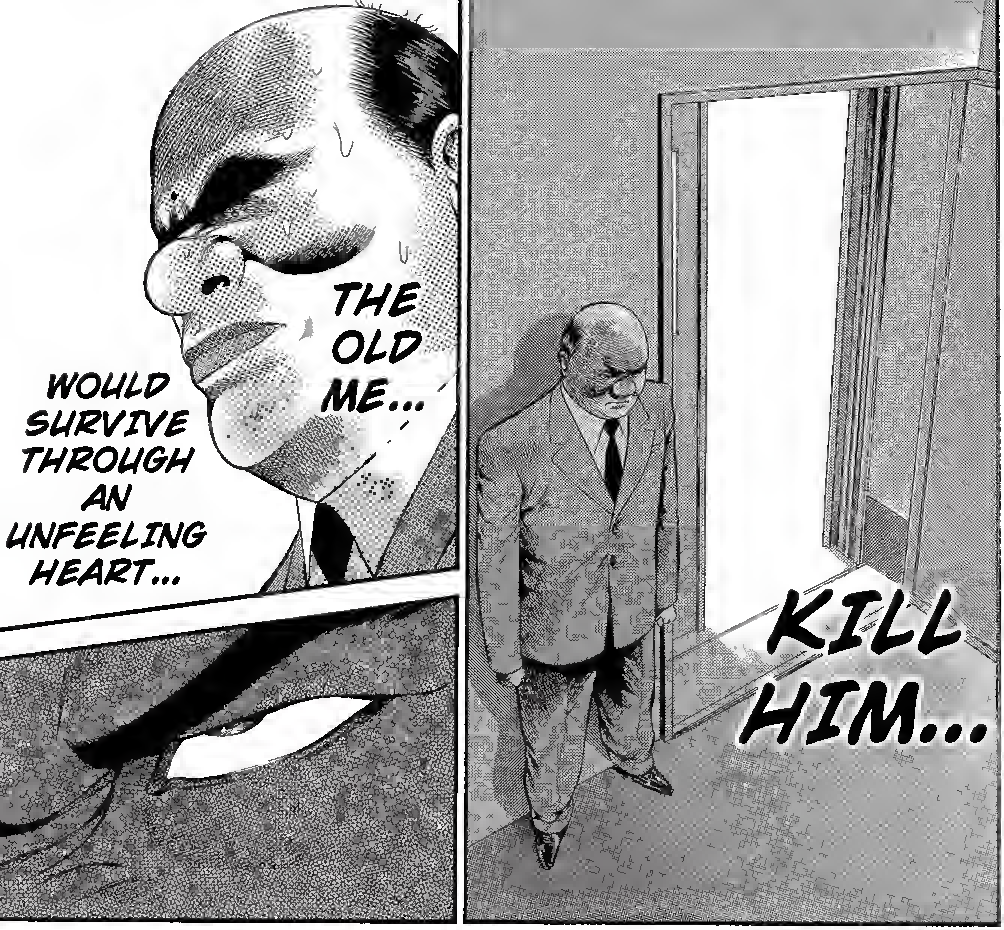
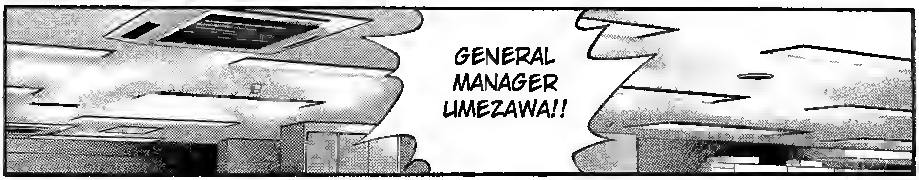
AAGGGHH!


THE OLD ME...
WOULD SURVIVE THROUGH AN UNFEELING HEART...
KILL HIM...

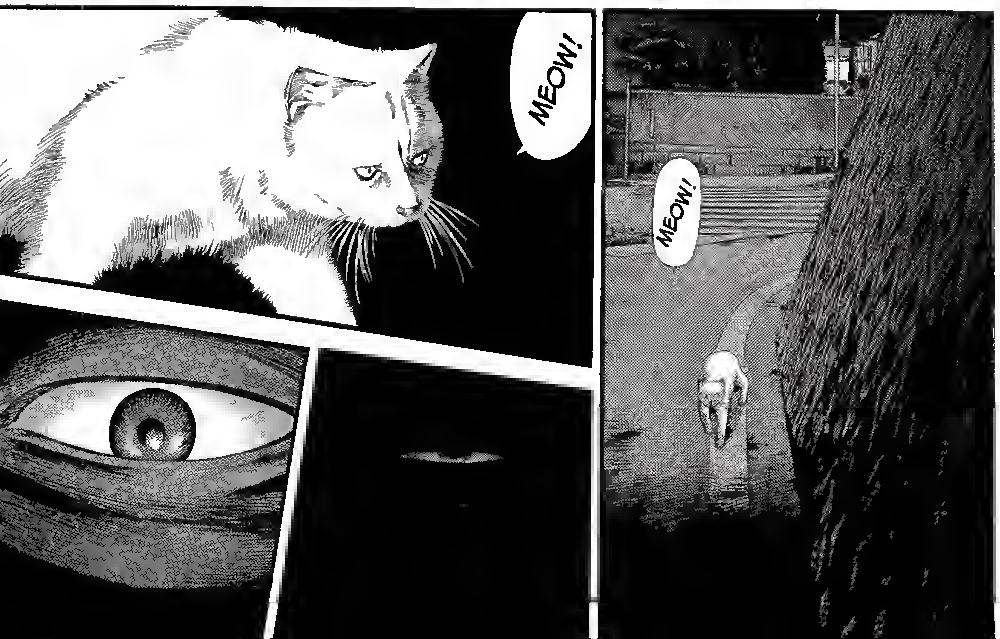

GENERAL MANAGER UMEZAWA!!

I KNOW THAT THIS JOB IS NOT URGENT, SO PLEASE!!
I, THE CHIEF'S SUBORDINATE WILL HELP WITH ORGANIZING THE SECOND FACTORY IN TAMA...
I BEG OF YOU! PLEASE ALLOW CHIEF MATSURI TO GO TO THE SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL!!

NO.
WHY, YOU ASK? BECAUSE...
I'M BULLYING HIM.

DO YOU THINK I'D LET HIM GO TO SOME CHILD'S ART FESTIVAL?
FOOTSTEPS
HAHA HAHA HAHA!

DO THEY THINK I'D LET HIM GO? HMPH!
FOOTSTEPS


MEOW!
MEOW!

FWISH!
HWA!
JOLT!

LIMEZAWA
A REAL MAN IS A HUNTER !!
POW!
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE THAT THE MAN WITH THE BIGGEST CATCH IS RESPECTED!
THE MINUTE A MAN SAYS THAT FAMILY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WORK IS THE MINUTE THAT HE LOSES!
SAME FOR THE MAN ON HIS WAY UP!!
POW
HAHA HAHA HAHA!
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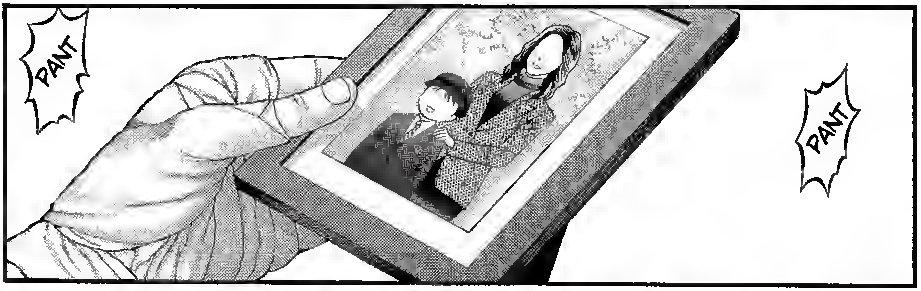
MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION

POW!
POW!
POW!
A LOSER WHO CAN'T WORK...
IS A MISERABLE OLD MAN WHO IS MADE FUN OF BY EVEN HIS FAMILY!!
I'M GREAT !!
POW!
POW!
POW!
POW!
POW!
THAT KIND OF MAN DOESN'T DESERVE TO LIVE!
POW!
I'LL BULLY HIM UNTIL HE HATES LIVING!
AHAHAHA!
ESPECIALLY THAT BALD LOSER! I LOATHE HIM!!

SLIP..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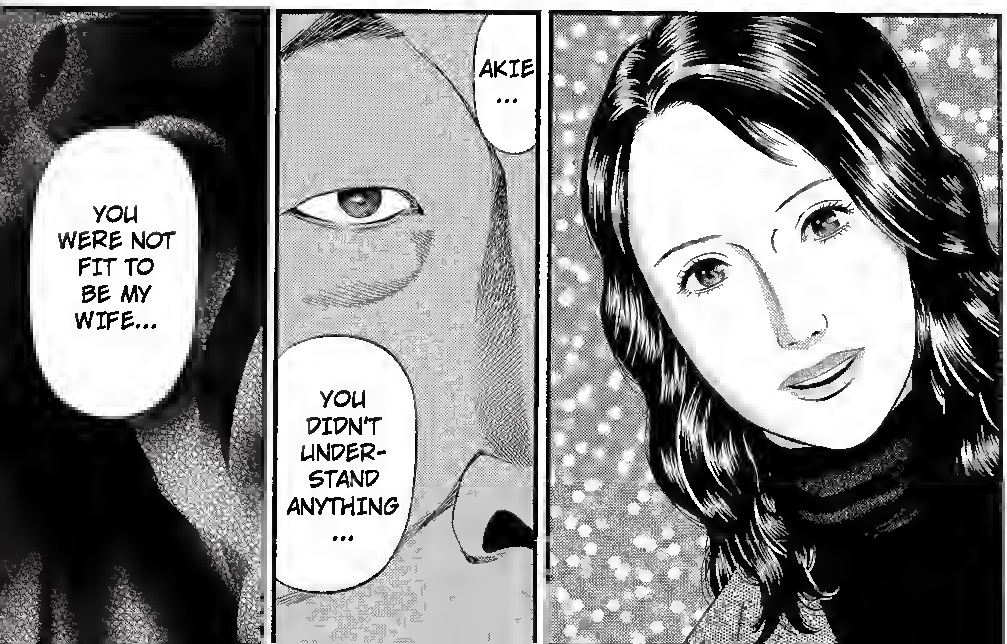
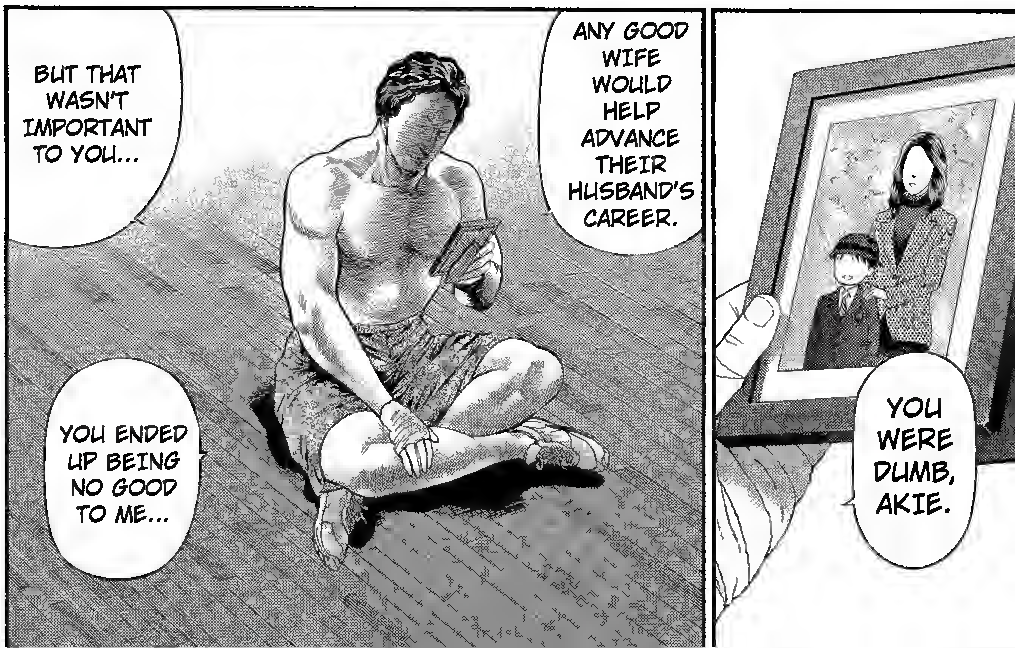
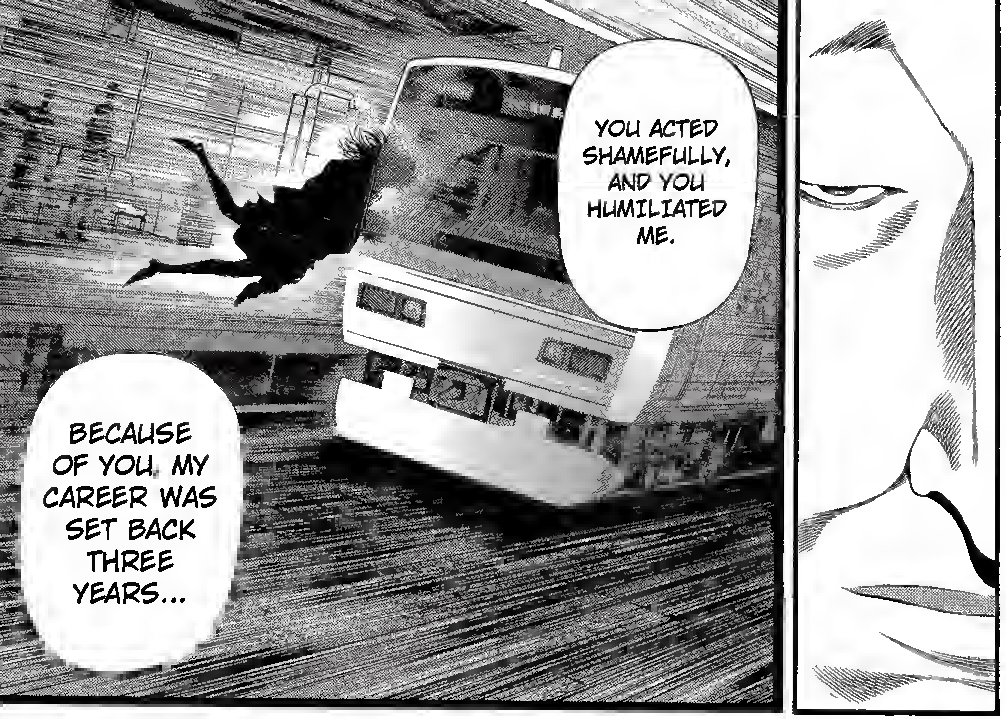
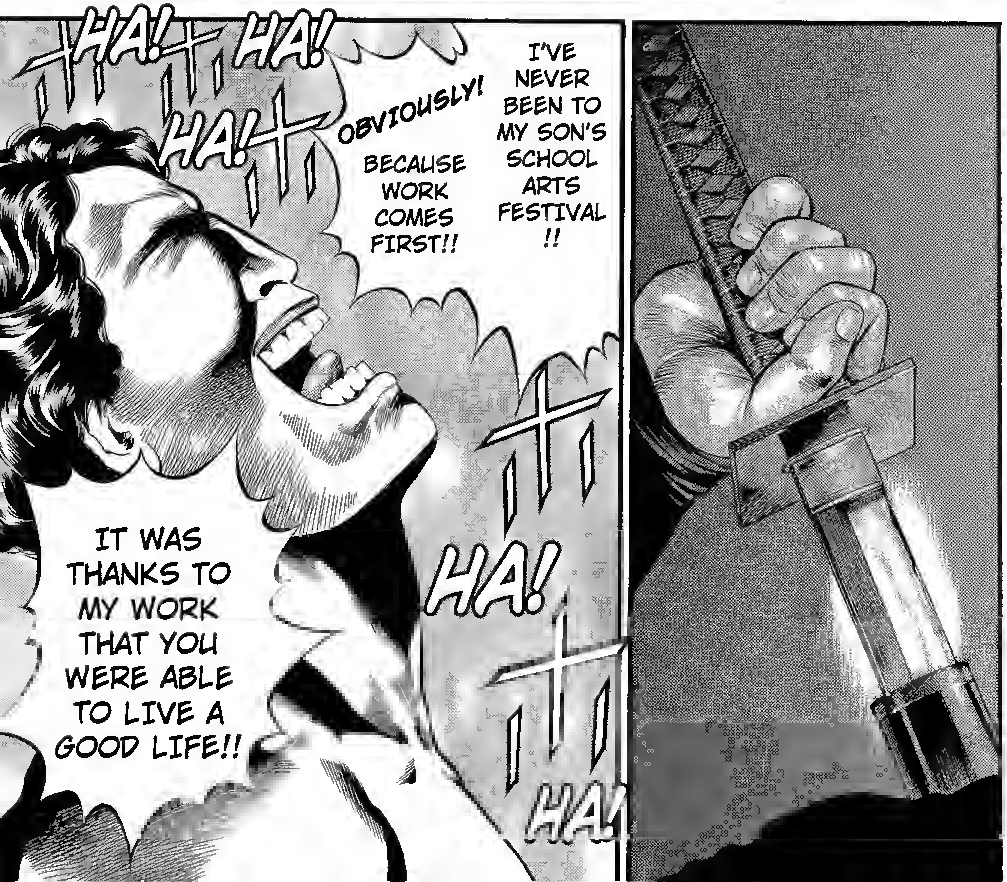

YOU WERE NOT FIT TO BE MY WIFE...
YOU DIDN'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING ...
AKIE ...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU'RE MY HUSBAND'S DIRECTOR! WHERE'S MY HUSBAND?!
LADY! WHAT ARE YOU JABBERING ABOUT NOW?! YOUR HUSBAND UNDERSTANDS!
IN EXCHANGE, I'M ADVANCING HIS CAREER!


ANY GOOD WIFE WOULD HELP ADVANCE THEIR HUSBAND'S CAREER.
BUT THAT WASN'T IMPORTANT TO YOU...
YOU ENDED UP BEING NO GOOD TO ME...
YOU WERE DUMB, AKIE.


YOU ACTED SHAMEFULLY, AND YOU HUMILIATED ME.
BECAUSE OF YOU, MY CAREER WAS SET BACK THREE YEARS...


HA! HA! HA!
OBVIOUSLY! BECAUSE WORK COMES FIRST!!
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO MY SON'S SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL !!
IT WAS THANKS TO MY WORK THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE!!
HA! HA! HA!

I DON'T NEED LOVE.
I'M PERFECT.
THE SIXTEENTH SHINOBI
END

THE SEVENTEENTH SHINOBI: "THE BUTTERFLY'S DREAM"
I KILLED MY OWN BROTHER...
IN ORDER TO SURVIVE...
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
!
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
WITHOUT HESITATION...
I KILLED HIM...
PROTECT THE SYSTEM AND HAVE THE IRON LOYALTY NECESSARY TO LAST...
THE LAWS OF THE CLAN MUST BE FOLLOWED...

THEN, A BUTTERFLY LANDED ON HIM...
AT THAT TIME...
THERE WAS NO WAY THAT I COULD KNOW...
UGH...
UG... UNGHHH...
WHAT WAS TRULY IMPORTANT TO A HUMAN BEING.

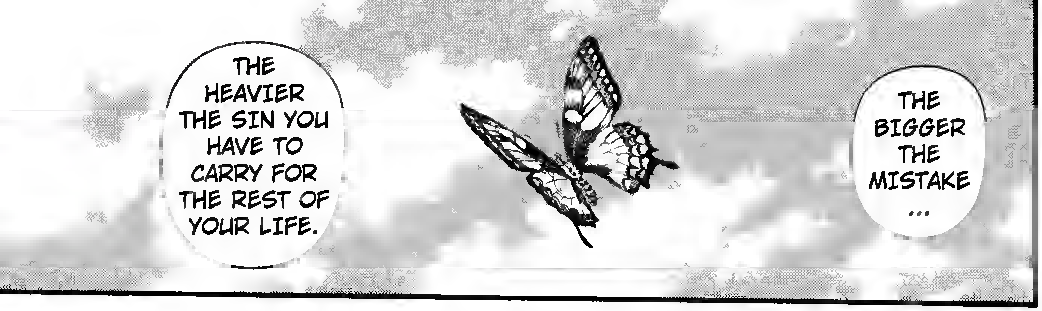
NOBUO...
BRO...THER...

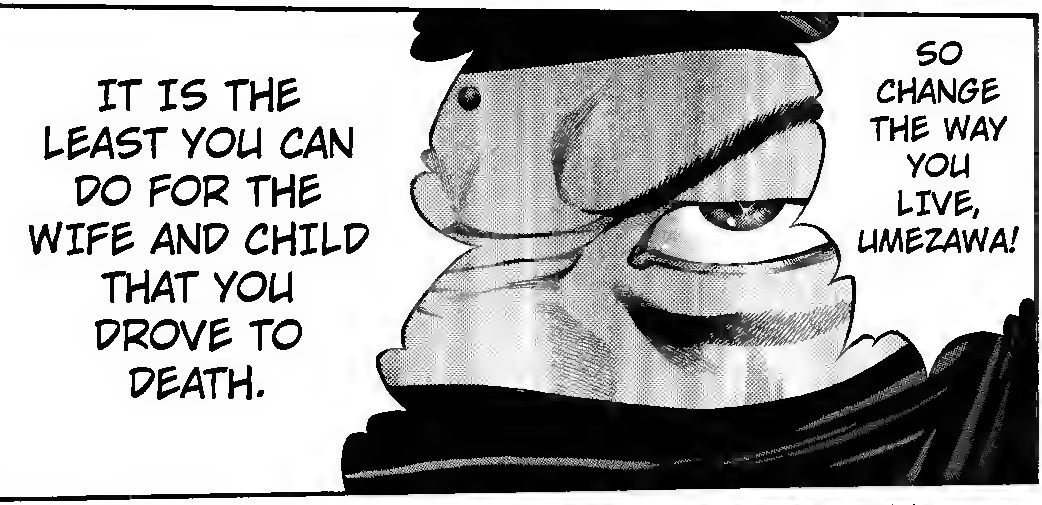
LIMEZAWA
I'LL KEEP WINNING.
HEH HEH...

...THIS IS HOW THE WORLD WORKS.
IT'S ALSO NATURAL PROVIDENCE THAT THE WEAK GET WEEDED OUT.
THAT'S THE FATE OF THE MAN THAT WALKS THE ELITE PATH...
HEH HEH!

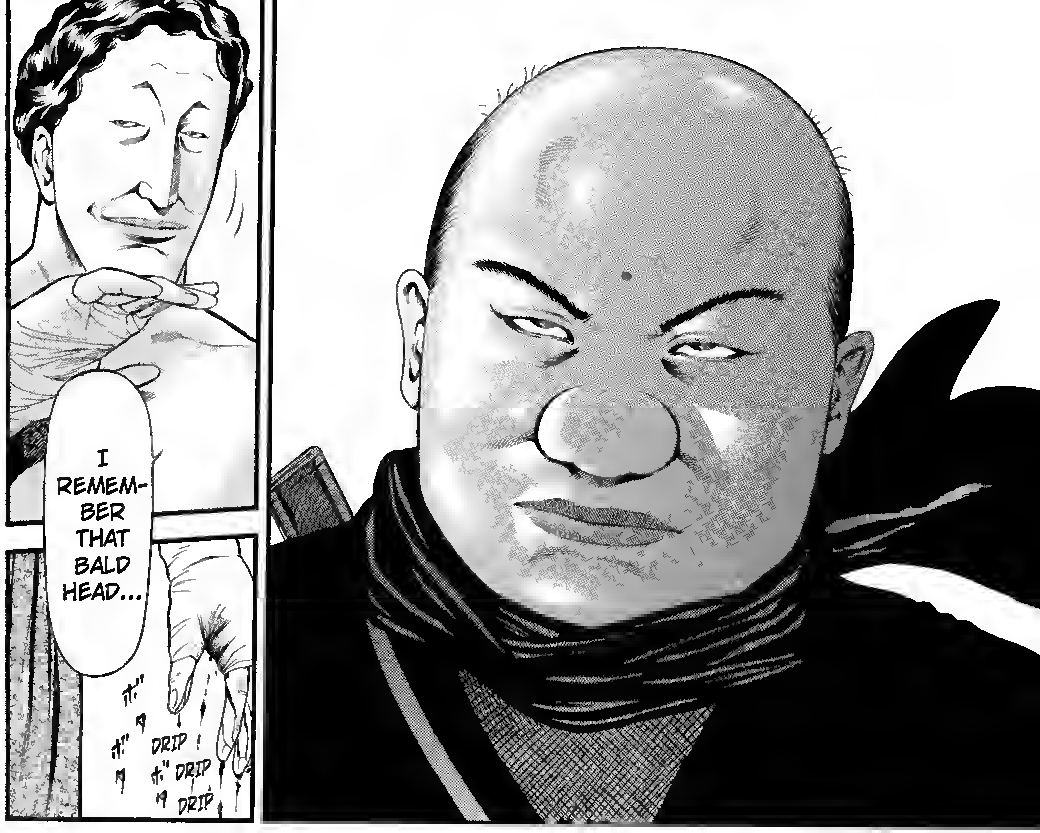
MY ONE AND ONLY FAILURE IN LIFE WAS CHOOSING YOU TO BE MY PARTNER...
AKIE... YOU ENDED YOUR OWN LIFE AND, IN THE END, WAS A LOSER...
WHOOSH!
!
I HAVE COME TO KILL YOU.
UMEZAWA...

HA! HA! HA!
WHO ARE YOU?
NOBUO MATSURI.
UMEZAWA...
UMEZAWA.
HA! HA! HA!
PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES ...
I HAVE DECIDED TO LET YOU LIVE.
AFTER SEEING YOU TALK TO YOUR DECEASED WIFE AND CHILD...


THE HEAVIER THE SIN YOU HAVE TO CARRY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
THE BIGGER THE MISTAKE ...


IT IS THE LEAST YOU CAN DO FOR THE WIFE AND CHILD THAT YOU DROVE TO DEATH.
SO CHANGE THE WAY YOU LIVE, UMEZAWA!

UMEZAWA!
SQUIRT
GRAB
RIIIP


I REMEMBER THAT BALD HEAD...
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

THINK CAREFULLY, UMEZAWA ...
THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO A PERSON THAN THE WINS AND LOSSES AT A COMPANY...
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME BY WAVING AROUND A SWORD IN THAT STRANGE GETUP?
HOWEVER... I DON'T REMEMBER BEING TALKED DOWN TO BY THE "CHIEF" AT SOME SUBSIDIARY COMPANY.

POW!
HEH HEH HEH! WHAT'S THIS? YOU'RE NOT ON THE FLOOR AFTER EATING ONE OF MY DEADLY BLOWS!
STOP IT, UMEZAWA...
YOU DON'T WANT TO MESS WITH ME...

SMASH!
AS MUCH AS YOU NEED THE COMPANY, THE COMPANY DOESN'T NEED YOU...
UMEZAWA...
HOW... HAS HE NOT... HIT THE FLOOR ...?!
HEH! ARGH!
BAM!
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND IF YOU LEAVE THE SYSTEM ONCE AND LIVE AS YOUR OWN PERSON.
POW!
SEEING HOW UNJUST THE SYSTEM REALLY IS, YOU'LL REALIZE HOW MUCH YOU TRUSTED IN SUCH AN EMPTY THING...
POW!
THEN ...
YOU WILL KNOW HOW SILLY YOU WERE...

POW!
POW!
POW!
POW!
ARGH!
ARGH!
ARGH!

THAT'S WHY YOU WERE EXPRESSING YOUR FEELINGS TO THAT PICTURE!
UMEZAWA, YOU STILL LOVE YOUR WIFE!!

PANT
PANT
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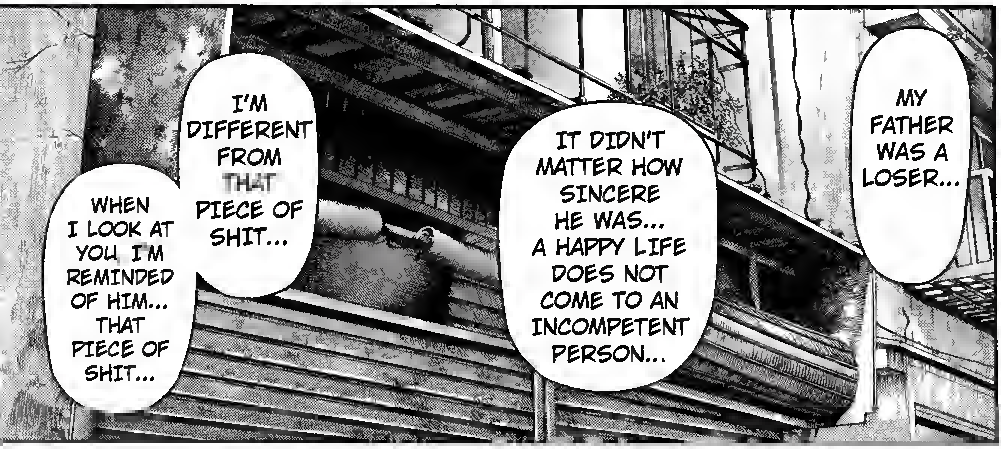
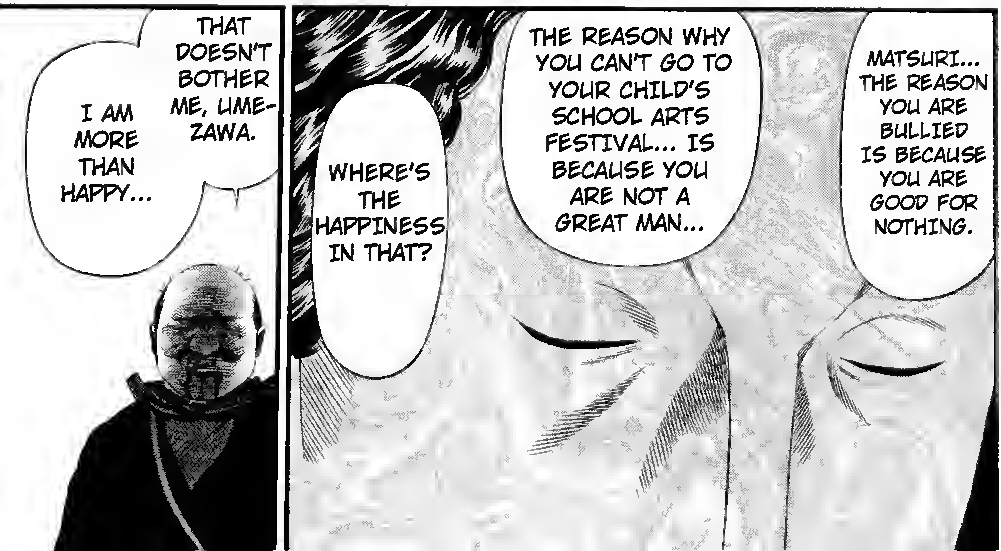
PANT
PANT
IF THERE IS ANY LOVE LEFT INSIDE YOU, THEN VOW TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE...

IF I LOSE, THEN IT'S OVER...
PANT


MY FATHER WAS A LOSER...
IT DIDN'T MATTER HOW SINCERE HE WAS... A HAPPY LIFE DOES NOT COME TO AN INCOMPETENT PERSON...
I'M DIFFERENT FROM THAT PIECE OF SHIT...
WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, I'M REMINDED OF HIM... THAT PIECE OF SHIT...


MATSURI... THE REASON YOU ARE BULLIED IS BECAUSE YOU ARE GOOD FOR NOTHING.
THE REASON WHY YOU CAN'T GO TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL... IS BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT A GREAT MAN...
WHERE'S THE HAPPINESS IN THAT?
THAT DOESN'T BOTHER ME, UME-ZAWA.
I AM MORE THAN HAPPY...

GASP!
SPLAT!
SPIT!
DON'T THINK YOU KNOW ME!!
SMASH!
WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT THAT PICTURE, I WAS *CURSING* MYSELF FOR BEING INVOLVED WITH A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING WOMAN!

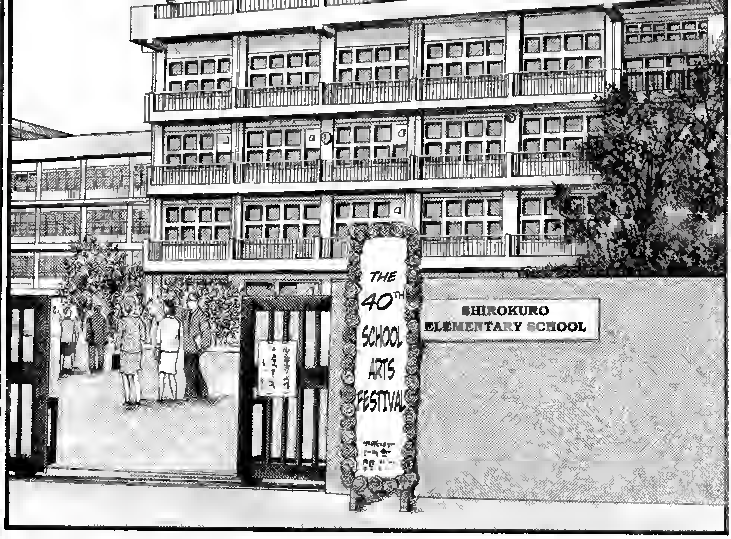
TRAGIC.
AHAHAHA! I HEARD YOUR WOMAN IS QUITE A LOOKER, MATSURI!
BA-
BA-
HAHAHA! YOU LOSER!
I MIGHT STOP HARASSING YOU IF YOU OFFER HER UP TO ME AS A TRIBUTE!!
BAM!

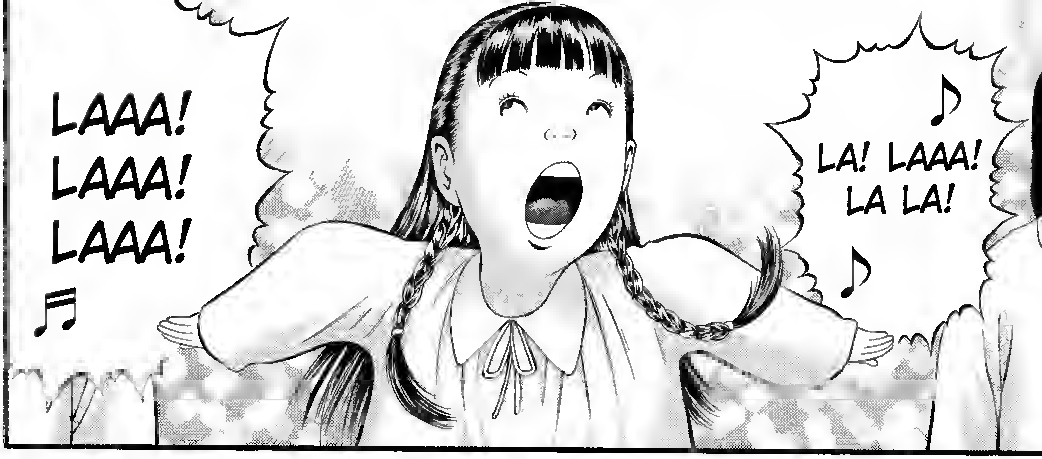
CUT OR BE CUT... BOTH ARE HELL.
!!!
THUD!
SLASH!

BUT EITHER WAY, IN HELL... I WILL SPEAK LOVE.

GRADE 2 CHORUS:

THE CHEEKY SEAL




LAAA!
LAAA!
LAAA!
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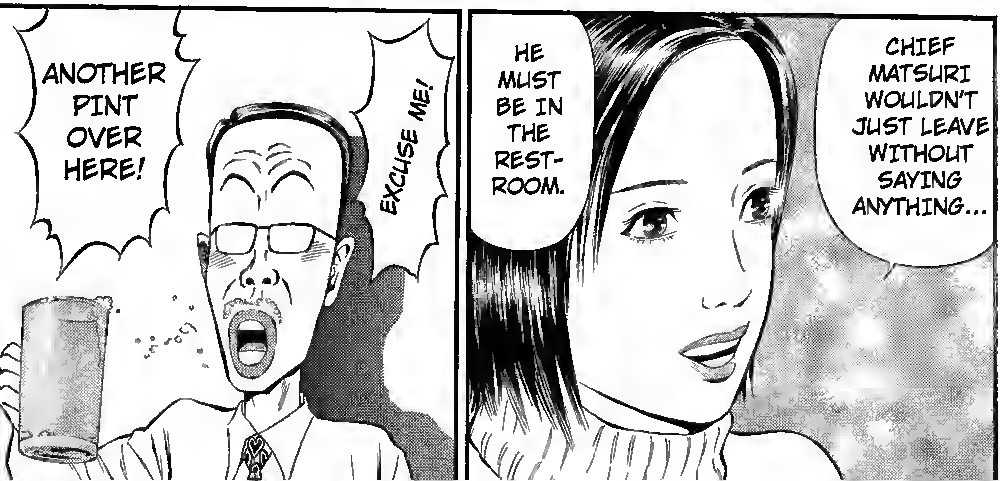
♪
LA! LAAA!
LA LA!
♪

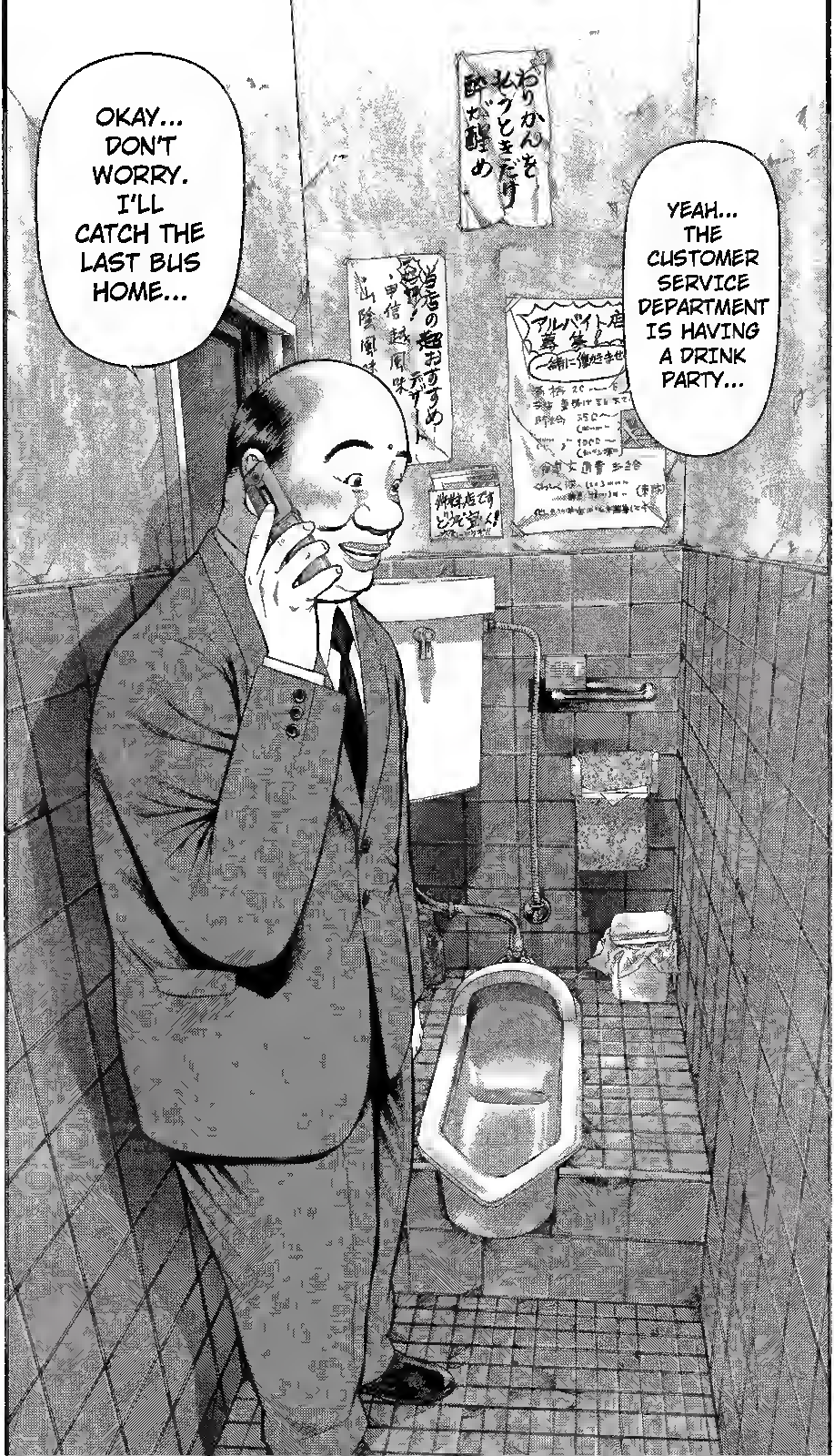
UGH! WHAT A DISGUST-ING IDIOT!
ずる SNIFF ずる SNIFF ずる
ず BLUBBER
ず BLUBBER
HUN ...

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL IT LAST?
THIS HAPPINESS ...
THE SEVENTEENTH SHINOBI
END

THE EIGHTEENTH SHINOBI:
"ONE MORE, ONE MORE!"
あいちゃん
やきとり
HEY! CHIEF MATSURI ISN'T HERE!

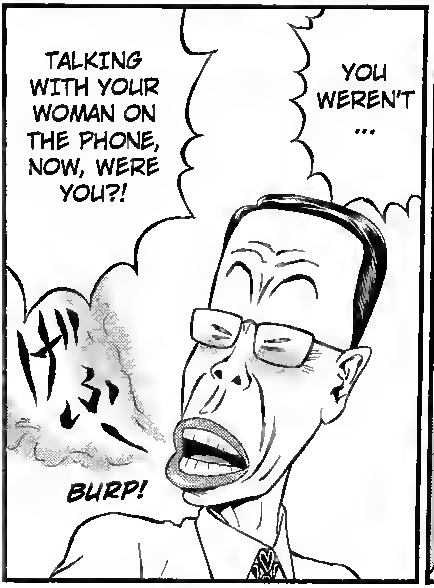
HE JUST DIS-APP--EARED!
HE WAS JUST HERE A SECOND AGO...
EH... HE NEVER REALLY STANDS OUT, ANYWAY.

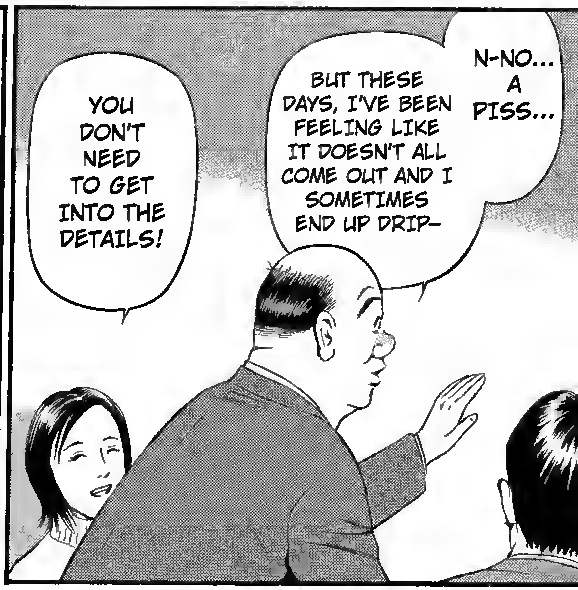

CHIEF MATSURI WOULDN'T JUST LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING...
HE MUST BE IN THE REST-ROOM.
EXCUSE ME!
ANOTHER PINT OVER HERE!

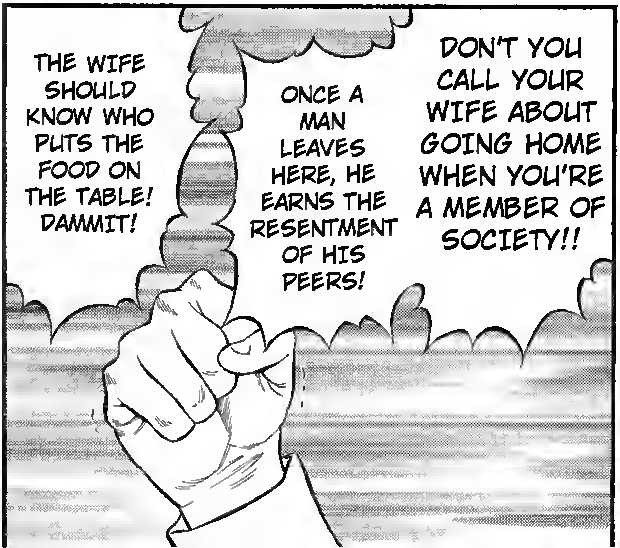

YEAH... THE CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT IS HAVING A DRINK PARTY...
OKAY... DON'T WORRY. I'LL CATCH THE LAST BUS HOME...

WHAT ELSE? TOMORROW? THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING IN OUR TOWN BLOCK?
DON'T WORRY! DON'T WORRY! I'LL ATTEND THE MEETING...
HUH... WHAT, AYA? I CAN'T HEAR YOU...
GYAHAHAHAHA!
CHIEF MATSURI! ARE YOU IN THERE ?!
BANG!
GAH!
CHIEEEF! MAAA TSUUU RIII!!
OKAY, AYA! BYE!
MWA! ♡

WERE YOU TAKING A SHIT IN THERE?!

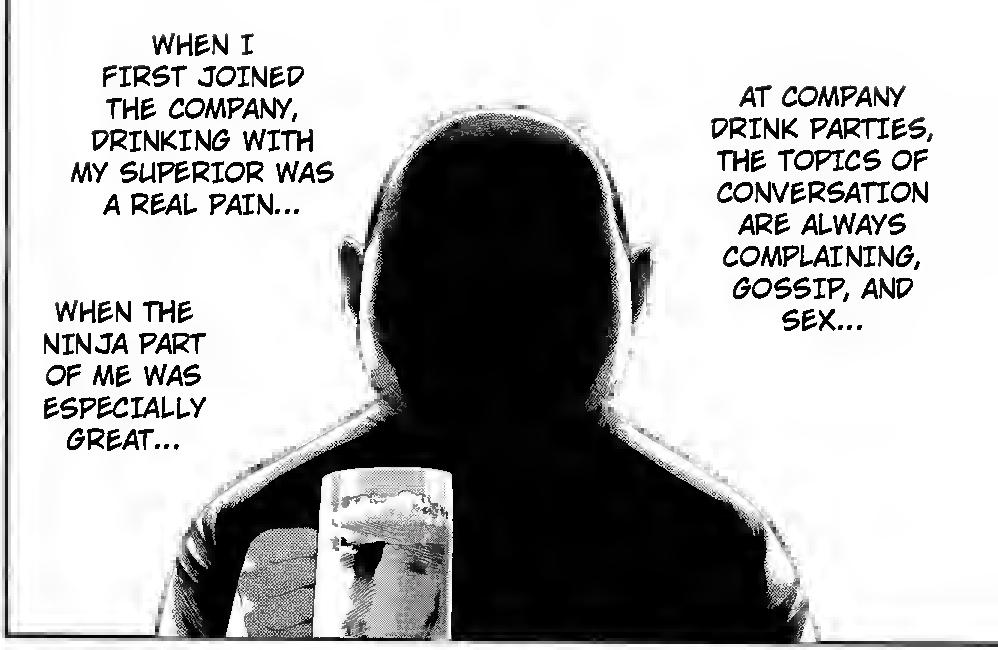

TALKING WITH YOUR WOMAN ON THE PHONE, NOW, WERE YOU?!
YOU WEREN'T ...
BURP!


YOU DON'T NEED TO GET INTO THE DETAILS!
BUT THESE DAYS, I'VE BEEN FEELING LIKE IT DOESN'T ALL COME OUT AND I SOMETIMES END UP DRIP-
N-NO... A PISS...

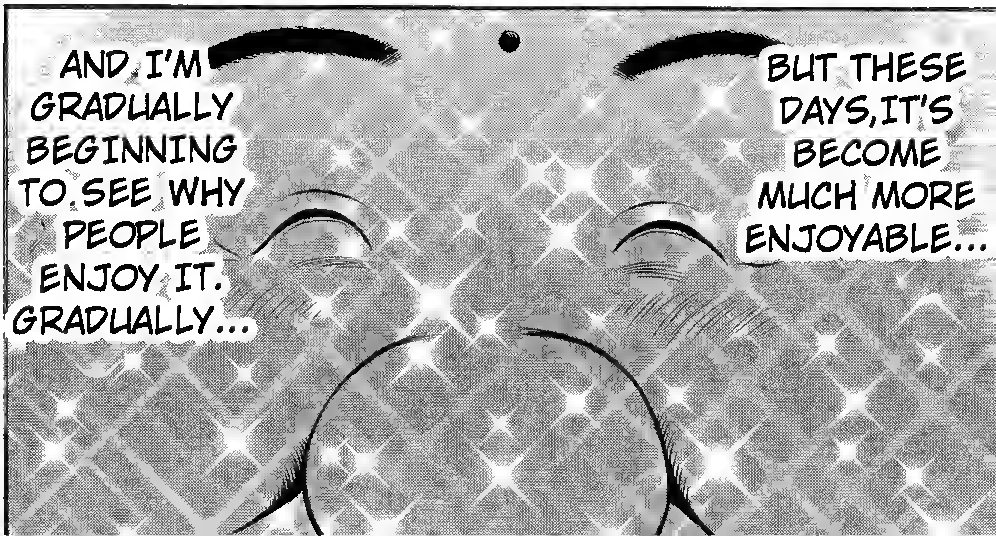

THE WIFE SHOULD KNOW WHO PUTS THE FOOD ON THE TABLE! DAMMIT!
ONCE A MAN LEAVES HERE, HE EARNS THE RESENTMENT OF HIS PEERS!
DON'T YOU CALL YOUR WIFE ABOUT GOING HOME WHEN YOU'RE A MEMBER OF SOCIETY!!

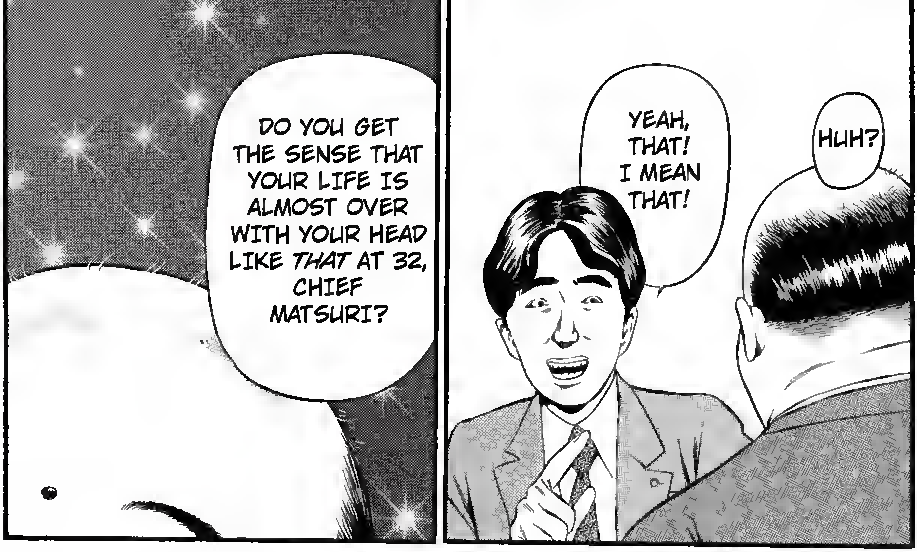
... NO.

'SCUSE ME! ANOTHER PINT!!
SHADDAP!
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER HAD HE JUST LEFT...
NOW, NOW... IT'S THE MODERN AGE, MANAGER. LET'S NOT GET INTO WHAT WOMEN'S "ROLES" IN SOCIETY SHOULD BE.
NOGUCHI, CAN I KISS YOU?
NO.
ONE PINT COMING UP!!


WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE COMPANY, DRINKING WITH MY SUPERIOR WAS A REAL PAIN...
AT COMPANY DRINK PARTIES, THE TOPICS OF CONVESATION ARE ALWAYS COMPLAINING, GOSSIP, AND SEX...
WHEN THE NINJA PART OF ME WAS ESPECIALLY GREAT...

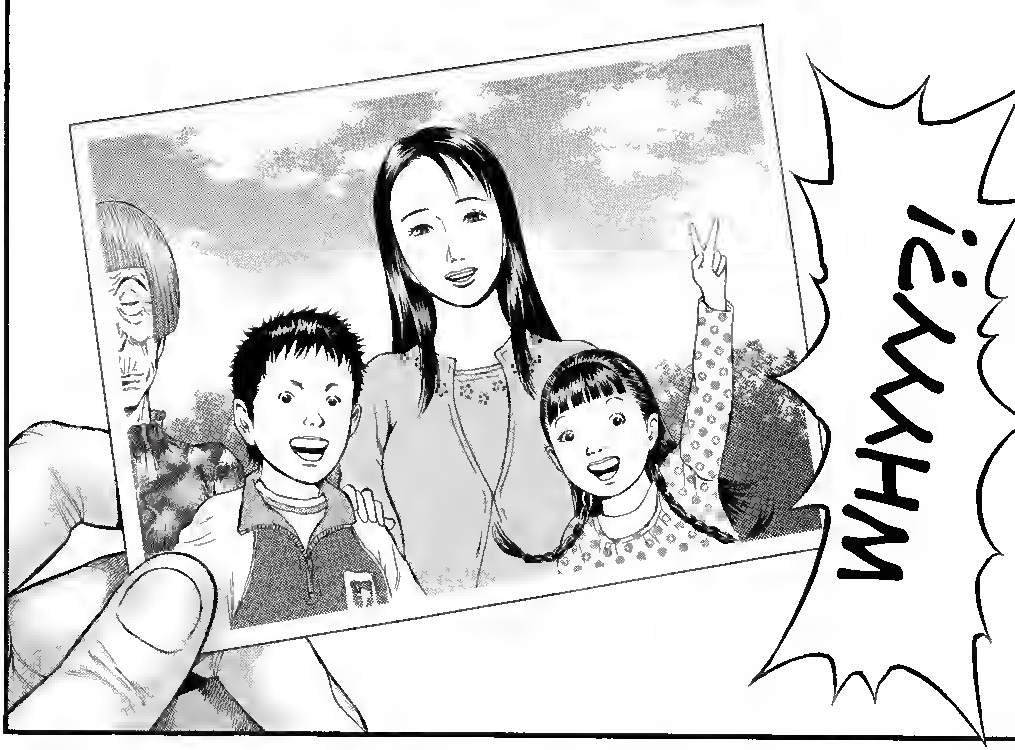
YEAH! LET'S GO!
SHIT! FINE! ONE MORE BAR!
I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK IT STRANGE THAT NOBODY WOULD PROMPTLY RETURN TO THEIR HOMES...

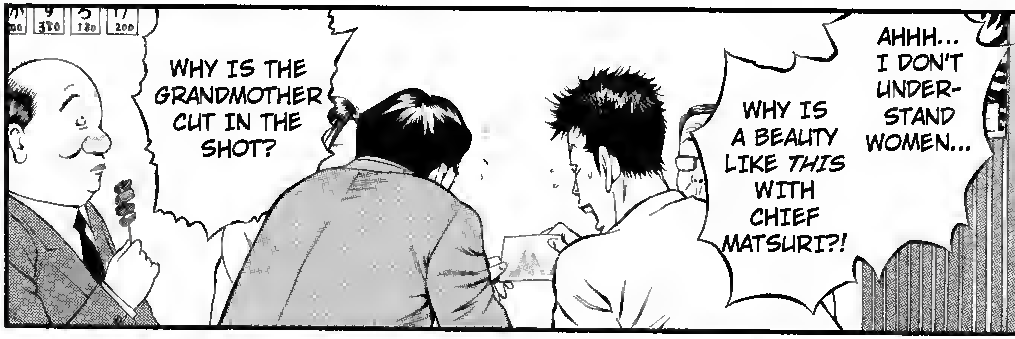

AND I'M GRADUALLY BEGINNING TO SEE WHY PEOPLE ENJOY IT. GRADUALLY...
BUT THESE DAYS, IT'S BECOME MUCH MORE ENJOYABLE...

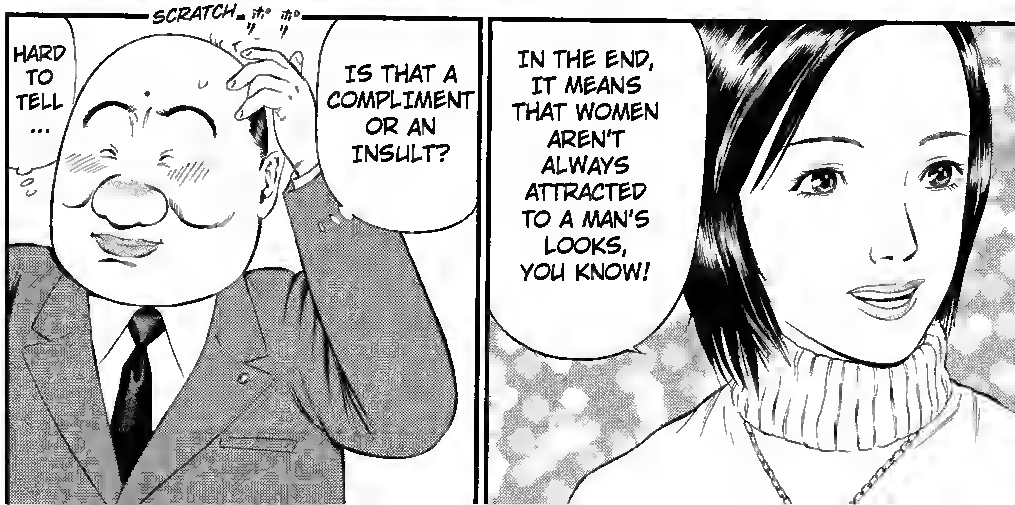

DO YOU GET THE SENSE THAT YOUR LIFE IS ALMOST OVER WITH YOUR HEAD LIKE *THAT* AT 32, CHIEF MATSURI?
YEAH, THAT! I MEAN THAT!
HUH?

BUT CHIEF MATSURI'S WIFE IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL!
HEH HEH...
BUT NOT MUCH LUCK ...
AW... WELL, I'VE BEEN USING HAIR TONIC EVERY DAY, TRYING TO GET IT TO COOPERATE...

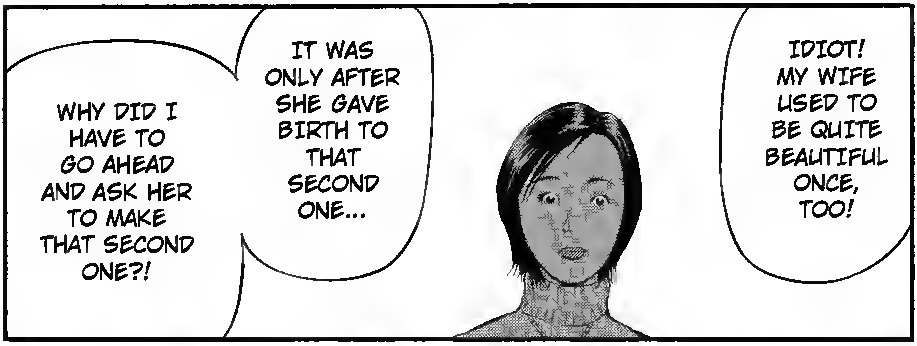
NO WAY!
I SNUCK A GLANCE AT THE PHOTO HE KEEPS IN HIS WALLET OF HIS WIFE AND KIDS, YOU KNOW?

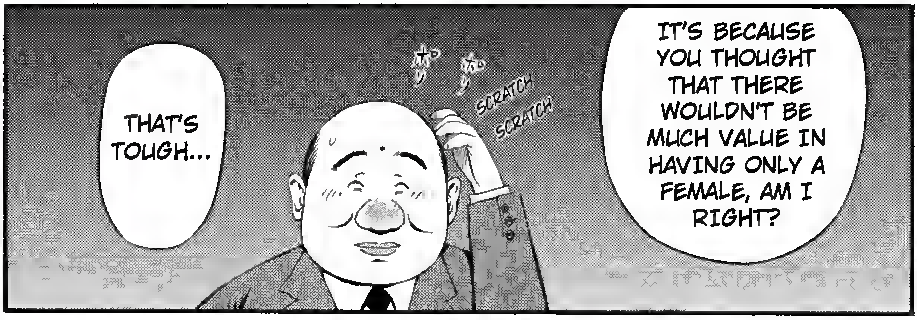

WHAAA?!

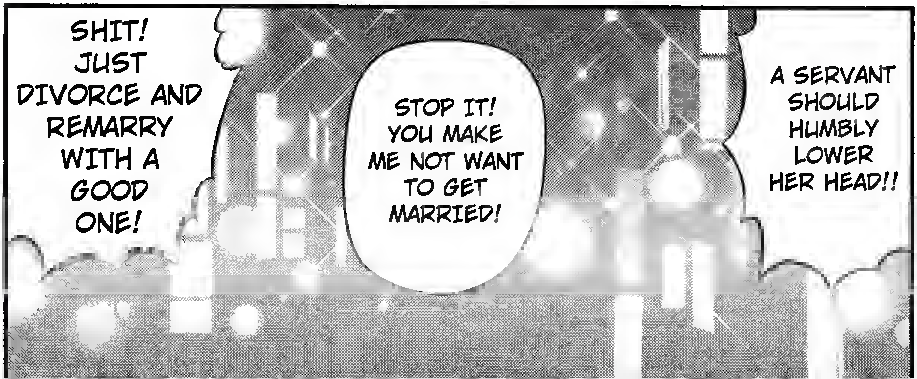

WHY IS THE GRANDMOTHER CUT IN THE SHOT?
WHY IS A BEAUTY LIKE *THIS* WITH CHIEF MATSURI?!
AHHH... I DON'T UNDER-STAND WOMEN...


SCRATCH
HARD TO TELL...
IS THAT A COMPLIMENT OR AN INSULT?
IN THE END, IT MEANS THAT WOMEN AREN'T ALWAYS ATTRACTED TO A MAN'S LOOKS, YOU KNOW!

I SEE CHIEF MATSURI IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT!
HE WINS!
GROAN.
AW, CRAP... WHY IS ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE SO DAMN BEAUTIFUL?!


WHY DID I HAVE TO GO AHEAD AND ASK HER TO MAKE THAT SECOND ONE?!
IT WAS ONLY AFTER SHE GAVE BIRTH TO THAT SECOND ONE...
IDIOT! MY WIFE USED TO BE QUITE BEAUTIFUL ONCE, TOO!


THAT'S TOUGH...
SCRATCH SCRATCH
IT'S BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE MUCH VALUE IN HAVING ONLY A FEMALE, AM I RIGHT?


SHIT! JUST DIVORCE AND REMARRY WITH A GOOD ONE!
STOP IT! YOU MAKE ME NOT WANT TO GET MARRIED!
A SERVANT SHOULD HUMBLY LOWER HER HEAD!!

SIGH... HOW NICE IT WOULD BE TO PASSION-ATELY FALL IN LOVE...
THE KIND OF LOVE WHERE...
YOU THROW AWAY YOUR FAMILY, WORK... EVERY-THING...
AND RUN AWAY TOGETHER SOME WHERE...
I WANT TO FALL IN LOVE!

HAHA!
HAHAHA!
HAHAHA!
HAHA!
AREN'T YOU NAUGHTY, MANAGER!
IS A MAN'S LIFE OVER BECAUSE HE'S MARRIED AND HAS KIDS?!
WHAT?! A 45-YEAR OLD MAN CAN'T FALL IN LOVE?!
SLAM!

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, CHIEF MATSURI?
FIDGET.
もじ
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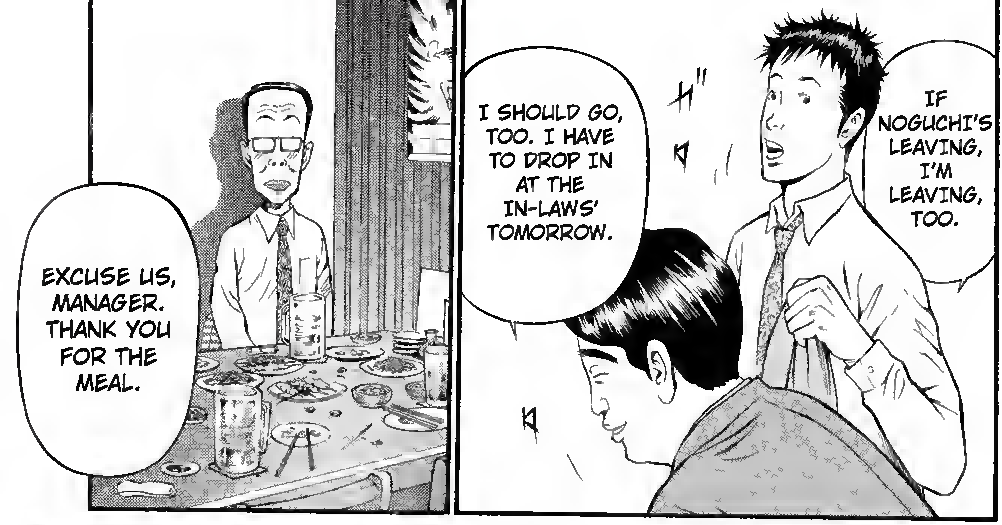
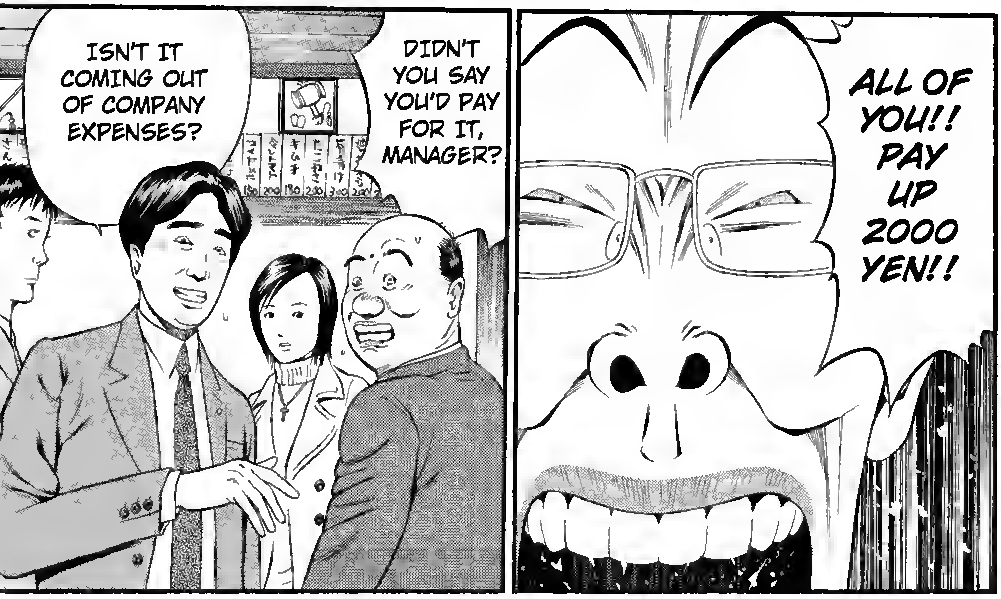
L-LOVE... SOUNDS GREAT.
N-NO... N-NOT AT ALL, M-MANAGER. MMPH!
MANAGER'S ORDERS!!
NO! TONIGHT WE STICK TOGETHER UNTIL THE MORNING!
BUT IF I DON'T LEAVE AFTER NINE, I'LL MISS THE LAST BUS...
HEH HEH... I'M SORRY... REALLY...
BOW..
AND THE NIGHT WAS JUST GETTING INTEREST-ING!
I THINK I'LL LEAVE HERE, TOO...
WELL... SINCE I'M ON THE SAME TRAIN AS CHIEF MATSURI UNTIL NARIMASU...
BOW


EXCUSE US, MANAGER. THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL.
I SHOULD GO, TOO. I HAVE TO DROP IN AT THE IN-LAWS' TOMORROW.
IF NOGUCHI'S LEAVING, I'M LEAVING, TOO.

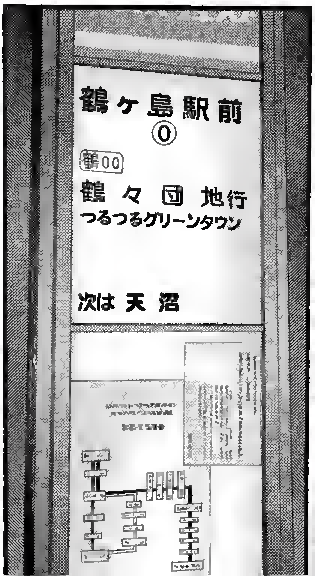

ISN'T IT COMING OUT OF COMPANY EXPENSES?
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D PAY FOR IT, MANAGER?
ALL OF YOU!! PAY UP 2000 YEN!!

ALL OF YOU SHUT UP!
YOU TREAT ME LIKE THIS AND IT AIN'T COMIN' OUT OF NO COMPANY EXPENSES!!
とんかつ
ヨーネル
武藤クリニック
ホテル
ヤルキーハ

ゴォォ
ZOOM
...
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU LAUGH AND HAVE FUN LIKE THAT, CHIEF MATSURI.
HUFF! PUFF!
GACHUNK
GACHUNK
ハァハァ
!
GACHUNK!
I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING MORE OUT OF SHAPE. MAYBE IT'S THE AGE.
AH... NO... IT'S JUST...
IT'S ALWAYS 40 MINUTES OF STANDING LIKE THIS, ISN'T IT?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, CHIEF MATSURI?

YIKES!
THUMP!
THA-THUMP!
THUMP!
THA-THUMP!
IT'S CROWD-ED, ISN'T IT...
MMMPH.
THA-THUMP!

東武東上線
鶴ヶ島駅西
TSURUGASHIMA STATION
SO CALM...
I'M ALWAYS SO RELIEVED WHEN I GET OFF AT MY STOP!
SIGH!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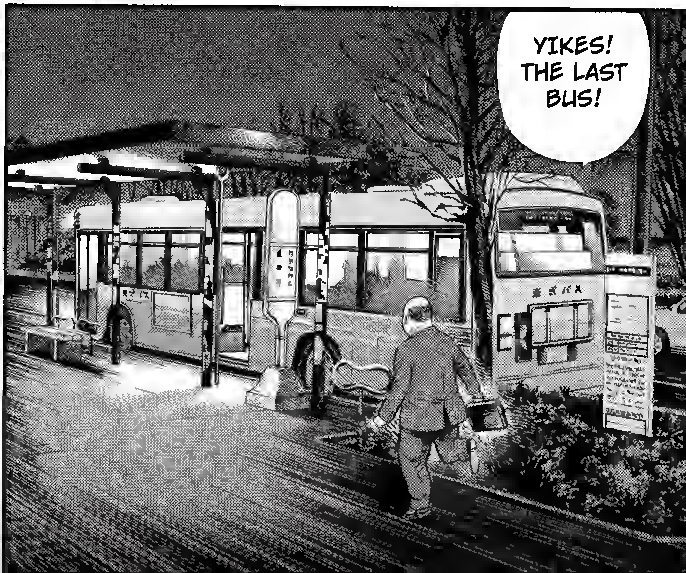
次は天沼


YIKES! THE LAST BUS!

THE NIGHT BREEZE IS SOOO NICE!
HEH HEH!
SIGH.
...!

HOW AWFUL...
H...
THE EIGHTEENTH SHINOBI
END

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